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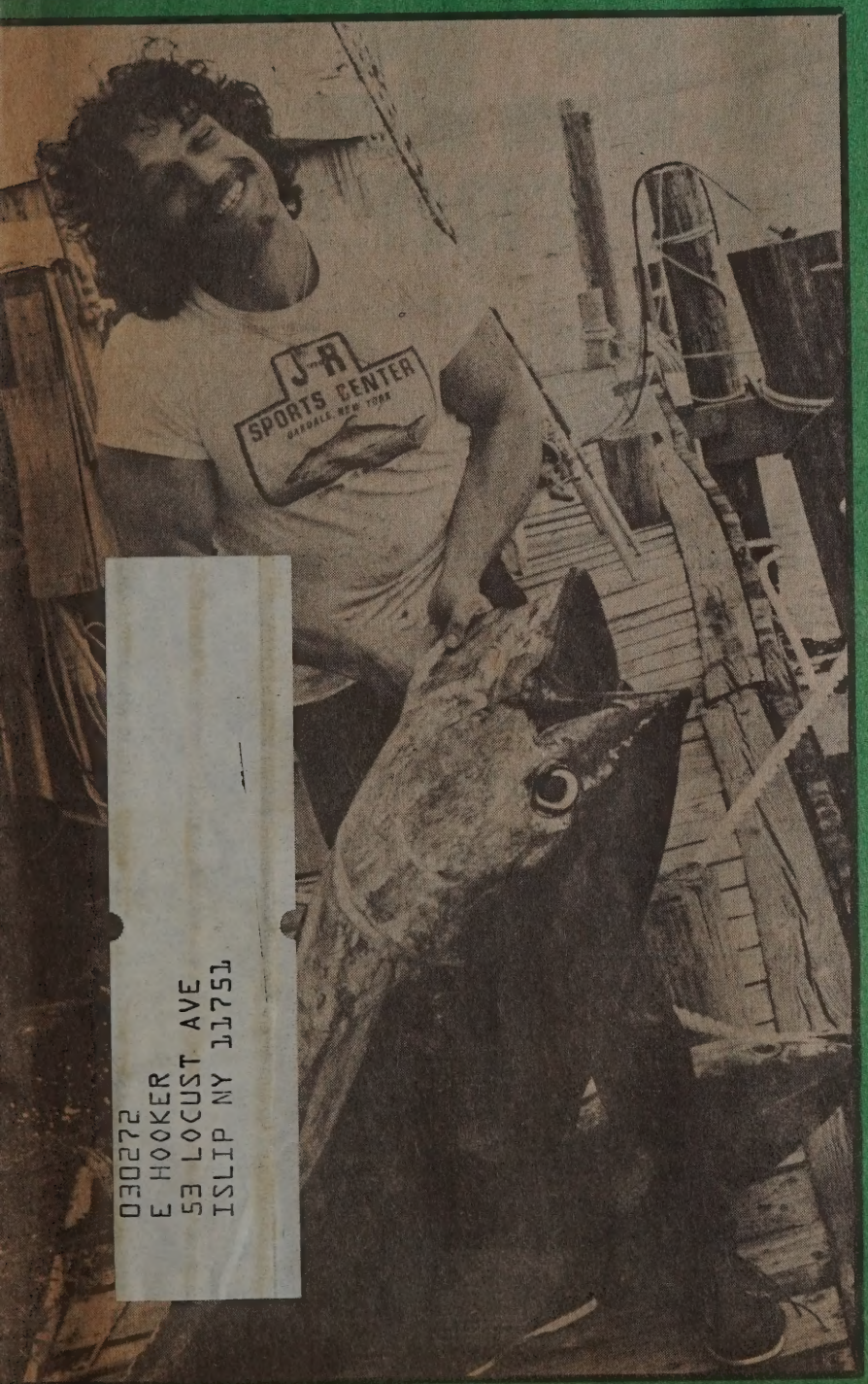

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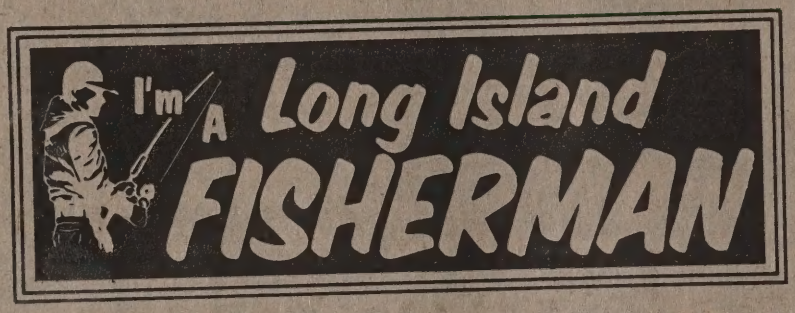

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A 200 lb. big eye tuna brings a smile to the face of John "Rod" DiGiacomo. Next to the regal swordfish and blue marlin, the big eye is the most highly prized species sought by canyon anglers. Improve your score with these ruffians by reading Lou Truppi's article on page 12.

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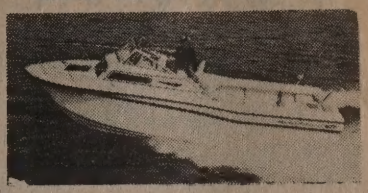

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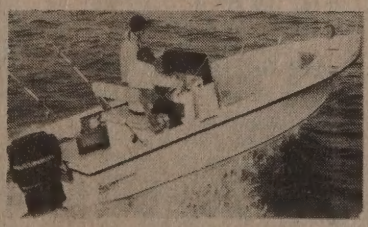

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BABYLON TUNA CLUB SNAPPER DERBY AUG. 28

The Babylon Tuna Club is holding its annual Snapper Derby on Saturday, August 28, 1982 at the Babylon Village dock. Fishing will begin at 9AM.

All children up to and including 12 years of age are welcome. Free bait and refreshments will be served and many prizes and trophies will be awarded. So kids, bring your own tackle and come on down.

FAB ALERTS L.I.S.P.R.C. TO EROSION AT DEMOCRAT

At a recent meeting of the Fishing Advisory Board with the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission, members of the board alerted the Commission to a severe erosion problem at Robert Moses State Park. Several board members offered some suggestions to correct the problem. The Commission investigated these suggestions quickly and has taken immediate action to correct the erosion. In a recent memorandum from Mr. John Sheridan, General Manager, the Commission has advertised for bids to furnish rip-rap and sand fill to be used adjacent to the 4-wheel drive access road at Robert Moses State Park. The FAB and the L.I.S.P.R.C. should be commended for their interest and quick action on this matter.

ACID RAIN/FISHERIES PROCEEDINGS AVAILABLE

The proceedings from the Acid Rain/Fisheries Symposium: An International Symposium on Acid Rain and Fishery Impacts in Northeastern North America, held at Cornell University, August 2-5, 1981, are now available for purchase. The Symposium was organized by the Northeastern Division of the American Fisheries Society.

The high quality, professionally reviewed book (hard cover) contains a collection of 25 papers complete with figures, references, and appended discussions. Authors are invited experts who have made significant studies of various aspects of the acid rain problems in Canada, the United States and Norway.

A detailed summary and overview of the subject is provided. Also included are abstracts of 22 entries from the attractive and educational poster sessions which previewed studies in progress.

Precipitation in northeastern North America is now consistently more acidic than could be expected under natural conditions. This appears to be a product of acidic gases produced in fossil fuel combustion, metal smelting, and other industrial processes, moving in the atmosphere from both local and distant sources. Acid rain and melting snow have produced increased acidity and increased availability of certain toxic metals in lakes and streams in sensitive regions. Aquatic organisms have been affected at all trphic levels. Effects on fish have been especially severe, including reproductive failure, reduced growth, skeletal deformities and mortalities.

Research efforts and literature on the problem are expanding, but many valuable fisheries have already disappeared or are in danger of loss due to acidity and related effects. A review and summary of current knowledge concerning all aspects of this problem are timely. An accounting of remedial actions available and the social and economic implications if such actions are delayed, is now appropriate.

The proceedings are $25.00 each, postpaid and may be ordered from: The American Fisheries Society, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

COAST GUARD CAUTIONS PUBLIC ON USE OF NAVIGATION LIGHT

The U.S. Coast Guard cautioned the public today that the **Bowlite (T.M.)** model combination sidelight manufactured by Fulton Industries of Wauseon, Ohio, does not meet required safety regulations.

Combination sidelights must show an unbroken light over an arc of 112.5 degrees on each side and must be visible from at least one mile away according to the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, the 1980 Inland Navigational Rules Act and Coast Guard enforcement policy. The Bowliste does not meet these requirements, and thus its use is a hazard to boating safety and constitutes a violation of Federal law for which the boat operator may be liable for a civil penalty of not more than $5,000 for each violation.

Boat owners and operators who have installed the Bowlite or similar portable lights as a combination sidelight are urged to install other lights that meet safety requirements.

NMFS EDUCATIONAL POSTERS AVAILABLE

Some 350 fishes, mollusks, crustaceans and marine mammals are depicted in a series of seven, high-fidelity, color educational posters commissioned by the National Marine Fisheries Service. The posters are printed on washable non-glare plasticized paper. Six of the posters are 30 inches wide by 48 inches deep and priced at $5.50 each. Poster titles and stock numbers are as follows: Marine Fishes of the North Atlantic (Stock No. 003-020-0027-4); Marine Fishes of the North Pacific (No. 003-020-00051-7); Marine Fishes of the California Current (003-020-00055-0); Marine

Fishes of the Gulf and South Atlantic (003-020-00065-7); Fishes of the Great Lakes (003-020-00069-0); and, Mollusks and Crustaceans of the Coastal U.S. (003-020-00087-8). The seventh poster, Marine Mammals of the Western Hemisphere (003-020-00106-8) is 26 inches by 24 inches and is priced at $6.50. A 25% discount is allowed on orders for 100 or more copies sent to a single address. Checks or money orders should be made payable and sent to the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

1982-83 HUNTING/FISHING LICENSES AVAILABLE

Commissioner of Environmental Conservation Robert F. Flacke today announced that 1982-83 hunting, fishing and trapping licenses were made available to the public on Monday, August 16, 1982. The new licenses become effective on October 1, 1982.

Sportsmen will notice that there has been a complete change from the 1981 license format. The new licensing system uses a single standard license application and 19 validating stamps representing the various hunting, fish and trapping activities or combination of activities. Tag sets have been reduced to a single back tag for small game hunters, and separate tags for resident and non-resident big game hunters.

RESULTS OF BABYLON TUNA CLUB INVITATIONAL TOURNEY

The results of the 26th Annual Babylon Tuna Club's Invitational Tournament held July 24 and 25 were:

CLUBS: Babylon Tuna Club, 624 points; Freeport Tuna Club, 290 points, and South Shore Marlin & Tuna, 220 points.

INDIVIDUALS—Tuna: Bob Castellani, 248 lbs. and Dick Orlandi, 179 lbs.

Marlin—Greg Antonelli, 57 lbs., and Bob Antonelli, 53 lbs.

Mako—Steve Pascale, 265 lbs., and Adria Esposito, 185 lbs.

Shark—Valarie Espenshield, 320 lbs., and Rich Strokes, 210 lbs.

The award for the most unusual fish caught went to Lee Braddlow for his wahoo of 23 lbs.

1982 MCA CHARITY SHARK TOURNAMENT

The 1982 Montauk Captains Association Charity Shark Tournament is now history. It was the biggest, best attended tournament to date. Over 800 anglers participated in 128 boats, weighing in 41 fish, while releasing double that amount.

The largest shark, a 672 lb. tiger, netted winner Russ Kelly a check for $3,000. The second place winner, Vincent Assogna, landed a 395 lb. dusky and took home $2,000. In third place, Glen Hutnick received a check for $1,000 for his 394 lb. dusky.

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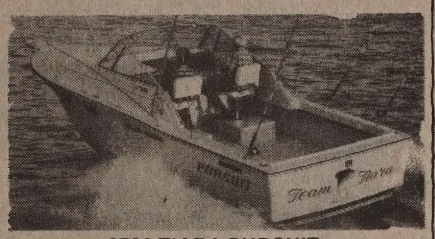

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The anglers weren't the only ones to come away winners. Two $1,000 scholarships to Suffolk Community College, $1,000 to the Montauk Little League, $1,500 to the American Cancer Society and $500 to the Boy Scouts were donated from the Tournament receipts.

Jack Casey, Wes Pratt and the group from the National Marine Fisheries who were on hand also benefited from this Tournament. Fishing tackle donated by 33 merchants was also distributed to the contestants. Each boat entered was given cake by Entenmann's Bakery and Budweiser beer donated by Claire Rose Distributors.

The Tournament Committee extends a special thanks to the people who donated their time and talents to this event, including judges Nick Karas, Ken Moran and Jerry Kenney and weighmaster Artie Frey, manufacturer of AVA diamond jigs. Also on hand were John Schebendach from Griffith Marine Electronics, Ken Howard and Susan Kipp on communications and check-in, Ben Banker, Pete Lamier and the weigh-in crew and the members' wives, Alice Dacosta Faro, Dottie Kani and Sally Riege who sold T-shirts. They all gave up their weekend to help make this Tournament a success. As in the past, Star Island Yacht Club was the host for this event.

New Products

NEW RUST-INHIBITING SYSTEM PROTECTS TACKLE BOX CONTENTS

The average fisherman's tackle box faces the same corrosive elements as the average driver's car. Salt, water, and humidity. Many an angler has opened his box after it has been stored for a time only to find that his expensive lures and other gear have deteriorated because of the ravages of rust and corrosion.

Woodstream Corporation, Lititz, Pennsylvania, has now revolutionized the fishing tackle box market with an innovative rust-inhibiting system built into many of its Fenwick® and Old Pal® tackle boxes. A custom-designed radiator, attached to the inside of all Fenwick trunk and hip-roof boxes and Old Pal tackle box models 1080, 1090, 1100 and 5211, contains a Zerust (TM) tablet to help protect hooks, plugs, metal lures, and other gear from the rust and corrosive effects of moisture.

In a recent poll, leading outdoor writers agreed that rust and corrosion, caused by both salt and fresh water, is a big problem in tackle boxes. In just a short time, the angler's tools-of-the-sport can discolor and deteriorate.

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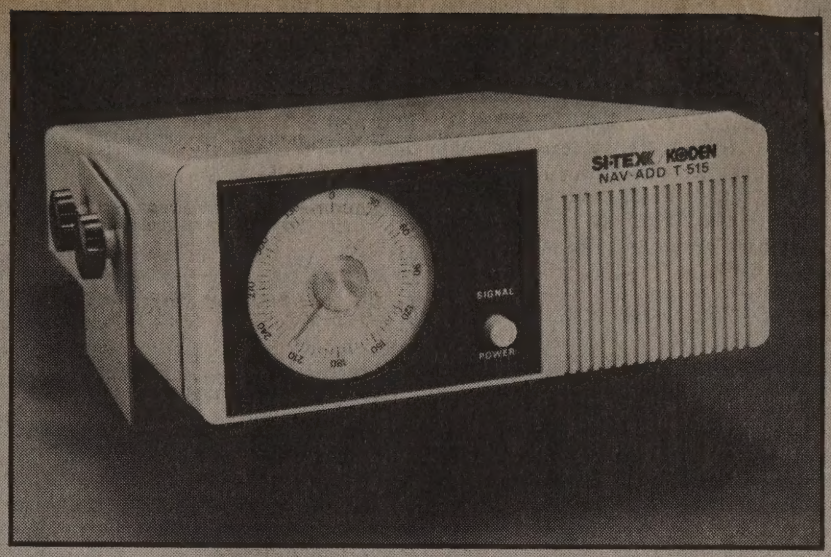

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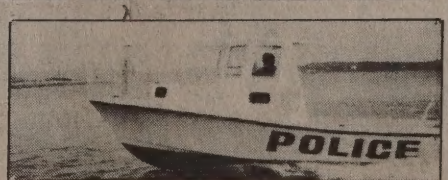

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OFFSHORE LURE SYSTEM

by Pete Barrett

Would you believe it? One lure has won over $2 million in prize monies for tournament fishermen from Texas down to Florida and back up to Long Island. That's a lot of bucks, but what is more important to you and I is the system that surrounds the lure and why it catches fish with such amazing success.

The lure doesn't look like anything much different than other offshore high speed trolling lures, but pick it up and you can feel the difference: it's soft. In fact, that's what Frank Johnson, the lure's creator calls them: Soft Heads and he produces them under his company name of Mold Craft Fishing Products.

I had a chance to fish with Frank a few months back and he very patiently took some time to show me his system of lure fishing for offshore game fish. Frank says his Soft Heads have caught virtually every kind of blue water fish from tunas and marlin in the canyons to some of the more exotic Pacific sails, black marlin off Hawaii and Atlantic sails off Cozumel. After fishing them now for several months, I believe him.

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One small Soft Head nailed a 250 lb. blue marlin for me off the Florida Keys and we're starting to use them for Canyon tunas and albacore. They work—and the system works for most any other lure you care to troll.

Frank is one of those inventive guys who can drive you nuts when you first meet him—they seem to be always pulling things out of a hat. After awhile your amazement fades into quiet respect as you find yourself listening all the more closely to what

Frank Johnson, creator of Soft Head Lures, scans the surface of Hudson Canyon in search of billfish.

he's saying.

He's designed the "Unibutt" marketed by AFTCO and now standard on most big game offshore rods, and he's also developed a soon to be available roller line release clip also from AFTCO. His Squirt Squid and Soft Head Lures are well known to southern anglers of the offshore breeed.

While much of his rigging system was gleaned from charter skippers of the Louisiana and Texas coasts, Frank has refined these ideas until they shine with simplicity. The rigging of offshore lures becomes so quick and easy that at first you might think something is missing—until you catch fish.

At the heart of the lure rigging system is the use of a snell to attach the hooks to the leader. Frank's tests on crimps showed a lot of variation when the crimps were made by fishermen themselves with pliers or inexpensive crimping tools. Often, 300 lb. test mono would be nicked in the crimping process and break at 25% of the line strength. The initial blast of a yellowfin as it smacks the lure may put enough strain to snap off the lure!

Attach the hook to the leader with a snell and there lay the leader next to the lure to judge the distance from the back of the head to the hook eye. Slide a small egg sinker on the leader to the point that lies just in back of the lure head and squeeze it with pliers to hold it in place. The soft lead, unlike a brass or aluminum crimp does not damage the leader and once in place, keeps the head of the lure in proper position in relation to the hook.

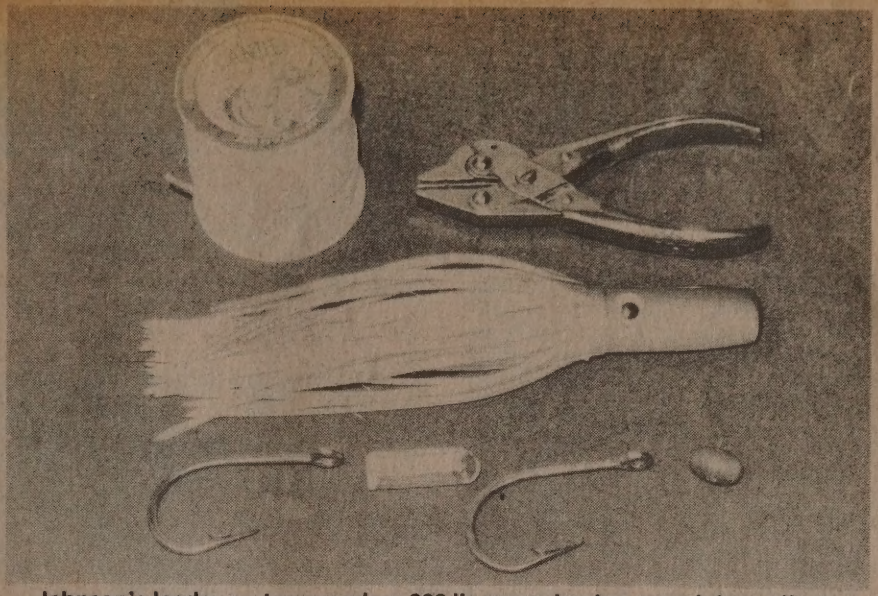
Push the leader through the hole in the nose of the lure, slide the leader all the way through. Once the head is positioned at the egg sinker, tie a double surgeon's loop at the end of the leader to form a loop which will attach to the snap at the end of your line. The double surgeon's knot tests out at about 80% of the unknotted line.

One advantage to this system is the handy way you can store lots of lures with no hassles of tangles. Put the unleadered heads in one box and then tie up a dozen or so leaders and store in coils separately. When you are ready to fish, slide the leader through the head, pulling the head down over the leader. Tie the double surgeon's loop and you are set to fish. Leaders can be stored in Zip-Lock bags or coiled and stored in a Tupperware container until needed.

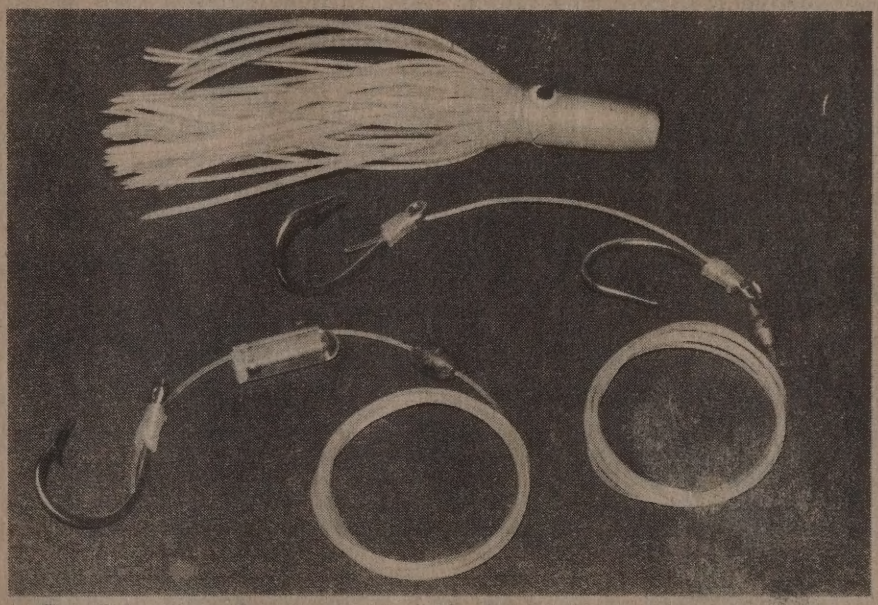
There's no need for beads, crimps, pliers, and you don't have a box or rack full of tangled hooks and lures.

I've used the system with every other brand of lures and found this simple leader system works perfectly well on any lure. I'm now using it for small plastic feathers for skippies and bonito and for all of our larger lures.

If you are looking for something new on the trolling lure scene, this may be the thing to try.



Johnson's leader system requires 300 lb. mono leader, egg sinker, pliers, lure body and hooks. Rattler is optional.



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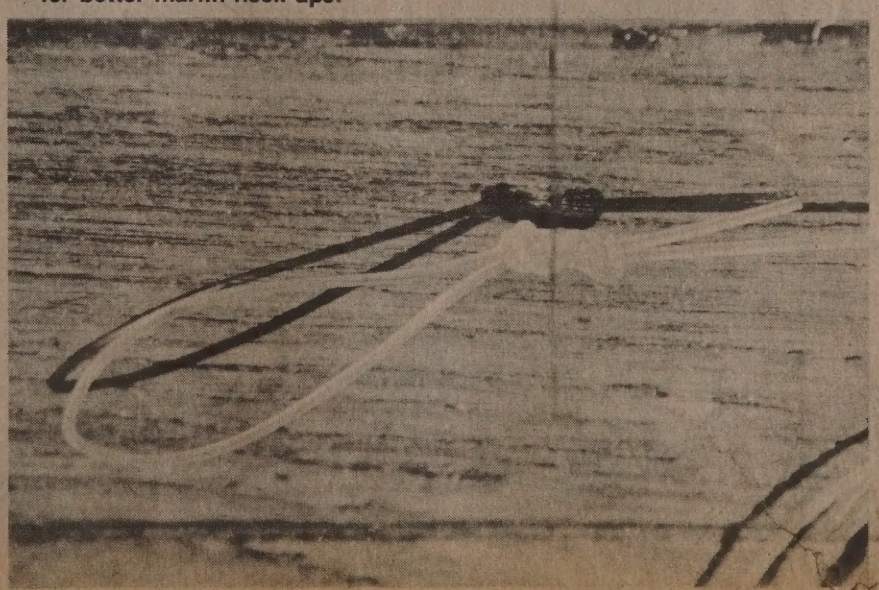

Surgeon's loop attached to snap at double line affords strong, easy to tie connection.

CATCH MORE BLUE CLAWS

by Jim Capossela

In researching a little book I wrote on crabbing, I perused dozens of scientific reports, and interviewed innumerable experts and commercial crabbers. Combining this with my own 25 years experience, I can now pass on to you an empirical and scientific formula for catching more crabs. First, take one alarm clock and set the smallest hand for half past three. Then, pull out the little knob on the back. Last, place the clock a minimum of fifteen feet from your bed.

The main reason why sportsmen don't catch more blue claws is that they **start too late.** If you use any of the methods that involve bait—traps, pots, handlines, etc.—you must know that crabs feed predominantly early in the morning. If you're using traps, for example, you might be amazed to see how they come alive almost exactly at the first hint of daylight. This can be any time from 4AM to about 6AM. Crabbing usually remains good until 8-8:30AM, then slows down a bit, but may be productive up to about 11AM. We're almost always off the water by then.

If the tide is right, and under certain conditions, you will catch some crabs between Noon and dark. But the action is bound to be much slower than in the early AM. Crabs don't seem to feed much at all between dark and first light.

This does not mean that crabs are not **active** at night. Though feeding appears to be minimal, crabs are usually very active between midnight and first light. This may be when most crab courting takes place. They can be caught quite readily, too, because night-prowling blue claws have a propensity for swimming along the top. All you need is a flashlight and a scap net. A good scapping team working from a small outboard consists of one man to pilot the boat, a second to hold the lantern, and a third to scap the crabs. Better than a hand-held lantern is a sealed beam screwed to the end of a 5 ft. wooden tool handle. Wires from the beam (use a high beam) are taped along the shaft of the handle and connect to a 12-volt car battery that sits in the bottom of the boat. Not only is it a stronger light, but the handle can be easily rotated like a beacon to cover more water. Of all sport crabbing methods, the largest single day catches I've seen or heard about were hauled in by good teams of night scappers. Happily, some of the biggest crabs are also taken this way.

Make sure they're legal!

A bushel of good eating.

Scapping is not strictly a nighttime game, though. Whether you deploy traps of handlines, it's wise to always tote a long scap net, too. Crabs love to hang onto things like old pilings, docks, and bridge abutments. A net of 10' or 12' will usually suffice to reach most of these hangers. In these long lengths, stick to aluminum, for its light weight. For all daytime (early morning!) crabbing, having a scap net along will mean extra crabs at day's end, and help to liven things up.

There is at least one instance where **daytime** scapping can be very productive. This is where water is funnelled through some kind of narrow strait, canal, or channel. Strong currents are created in such places, and crabs seem to have a hard time holding bottom; they often just swim/float in along the top. Especially on a rising tide, scapping can be

good regardless of the time of day. Spanning such narrow straits there are often bridges. If crabbing is not allowed directly from the bridge, try from the corners. Sometimes, scap nets as long as 16 ft. are needed for this type work. The well-seasoned crabber makes his own collapsible scap net with several extensions that can be added as needed.

Although handlines remain popular all along the coast, the 6-sixed box trap is creeping up in popularity. However, I believe the mini-box trap will eventually replace the standard, one-foot-cubed box trap. The mini is just a cut down (lower) version, taking up a little more than half the space, and doing the job as well as if not better than its big brother. However, the mini box trap suffers from some of the same problems as the standard box trap: one, being bowled over in strong currents (though to a lesser extent due to its lower profile), and two, having its doors not open fully a high percentage of the time. These problems are worse than most crabbers imagine, but they can be combatted. How? Simply wire lengths of concrete reinforcing rod to the bottom of the trap. Two such strips, wired to opposing sides, will anchor the trap in all but the strongest currents, and help ensure that all four doors open properly. We want to make it easy for the crabs to come in, not difficult.

No crabbing method is more fun than handlining. It's basic, challenging and actually very exciting. If you've never tried it, here's how it goes: You tie a piece of bait to the end of a length of stout string, toss it into waters known to harbor crabs, and wait a few minutes or until you feel a tug at the end of the line. Then you **slowly** pull in the line and scap the attached crab with a scap net when he comes into range. A piece of tough-skinned eel is extremely good for handline bait; it will take the crabs forever to polish it off. Fish heads are also good. Just tie the line through the eye sockets. Whatever type bait you use, you will add weight to keep it on bottom. Depending on the strength of the current, a 1/2 to 2 oz. bank sinker will usually be enough.

Another excellent terminal rig for a crab handline is a killy ring. This method has been around for ages, and it's a shame that more young crabbers don't know about it. If for some reason you are unable to get crab bait, and have no fishing pole, you can still go crabbing. All you need is a killy trap baited with tiny pieces of bread or cold cuts. The killies are strung on a loop of stiff wire which is bent into a circle, and this ring of wire provides all the weight that is needed. Found in most crabbing waters, the Banded Killiefish makes a natural bait, and some crabbers wouldn't use any other bait. I like killies, but I also like whole snapper blues, bluefish heads, and bunker heads. Filleted flounder carcasses are dynamite in box traps.

A commercial method that sport crabbers could have a lot of fun with—but seldom try—is trotlining. A trotline is a long length of rope, usually 1/4'' or 3/16'', to which pieces of bait are tied every 2' to 6'. The pros down in the Chesapeake run lines up to nearly a mile in length, but amateurs should start with a much shorter line. Because of its toughness and elongated shape, eel makes a superb trotline bait. Beef tripe or any piece of tough trash fish or tough meat can also be used.

You will need a boat to work a trotline, and you will have to stick to relatively shallow waters. At each end of the trotline, one that is, say 100' long for starters, tie on a 3' length of chain. This is to keep the trotline on bottom. Then take a stout length of rope. Tie one end to the chain, the other to a plastic bleach bottle that becomes your marker buoy. Again, at either end of the trotline, add a heavy anchor to complete the rig. The anchor should be tied by its own rope to the same marker buoy. Do not tie the anchor directly to the trotline.

Run your trotline with a partner. All you do is work your way along the line, pulling it up as you go and letting it fall back to the bottom of its own accord. When you reach the end of the line, you can go back to the beginning. Or, you can go to a second trotline placed elsewhere in the bay. A 10' scap will be long enough for scapping the crabs as they come up along the line (where crabs are abundant, there may be one crab on almost every bait).

One or two commercial crab pots can greatly help to fill the bushel. Regardless of whatever other methods you're using, the pots can be set out when you arrive, and checked out just once when you depart. Unlike box traps, crabs cannot get out of pots once they enter. Most commercial men favor the large, 4-funnelled pot that is nearly 2' cubed. These are very hard to transport, though, unless you have a pick-up. I am currently experimenting with a vinyl-coated pot with two funnels that is much easier to store and transport, but has not proved itself yet. This model costs about $17, or about $12 without the corrosion-inhibiting vinyl. Each year, there are more and more different types of ''sport pots'' visible in coastal tackle shops. Discuss their various merits with the proprietor, and try a few to help you catch more blue claws this season.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Jim Capossela is an avid blue claw crab fisherman and has written one of the best books on crabbing methods, biological background and where to find these tasty critters. For a copy of his comprehensive book, send $3.95 plus $.75 postage and handling to: Northeast Press, Box 188-A, Tarrytown, N.Y. 10591. The book will amaze you and add to your catch of crabs.

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BIG EYE BASICS

by Lou Truppi

Do you know what the biggest tuna you might catch in the canyons of the New Jersey coast is? Well, except for a rare giant bluefin, the big eye enjoys this reputation—a brawling muscle-bound, broad shouldered tuna that can tax the best of anglers' skills. This tuna is usually caught by canyon anglers seeking other gamesters. The predominant canyon-caught tuna is the yellowfin. His sheer numbers provide for large catches by expert and novice alike. The big eye tuna does not come this easy. His numbers are fewer and accepted canyon trolling techniques don't always prove successful when seeking this heavy-weight tuna.

During the past several years while fishing several canyons with my brother, Capt. Bill Truppi, and the dean of marlin anglers, Capt. George Seemann (whose beautiful sport fishing boat, "Mitchell III," provided our transportation to the canyons), we happened on a new trolling method that would produce a good number of big eye tuna.

On several previous swordfish excursions, we nailed several big eye tuna of considerable proportions. None of these fish were caught trolling, but all were caught on a deep bait intended for the swords. Well, as you can gather, the light bulbs were lit. After a brief discussion, we decided on our next canyon junket we would troll deep for the big eyes.

Prior to our next trip we gathered the biggest fresh mullet and squid we could find and rigged them for deep trolling. This was accomplished by adding 10 oz. of weight to each rigged bait.

Our initial trip proved unsuccessful in that we did not land a single big eye. We reserved decision on whether our seriously thought-out, sure-fire trolling method would prove successful at some later date. We felt we should give the big eye at least a half dozen trips to prove our point. We agreed to experiment with trolling various depths and assorted speeds until we hooked up.

We didn't have long to wai because on our very next trip a 262 lb big eye clobbered one of our deep slow trolled mullets. At the end of the day we added two more big eyes t the fish box. So far, so good. Our nex trip was a follow-up to the last trip Several more tuna were taken on ou deep baits. Basking in our success we now agreed next time out we would add our Big Jet lures to ou deep trolled baits. Since the baits could not be pulled at Jet lure speeds we decided to rotate methods every two hours. We returned to the same area where we had previously caught the big eyes and proceeded to troll. A the end of the day five big eye tuna up to 300 lbs. decorated the Mitchell's fish box. Three were taken on lures and two on baits. The biggest took a deep trolled bait. We were delighted to say the least. We had taken big eye on three successive trips by trolling deep on both bait and lures.

Now, some three years later, we still enjoy continued success using the same methods when seeking the big eye tuna. It worked for us in the Hudson and Baltimore canyons and various areas through the Continental Shelf.

One thing to keep in mind when seeking the big eye is to stick to the deep water in the canyon proper. We have taken all our big eyes in the deep; none have been taken on the flats. More importantly, when you locate these tuna you will find them tightly bunched in one area. Pay close attention to your Loran numbers when you hook up and continue fishing this area until you're sure the fish have left. They like canyon edges and can be caught readily along canyon walls.

Trolling speed can be important on certain days. Overall, the big eye seems to take readily at bait speed as well as lure speed. Our catches over the past years seem to equal out. One thing is certain: you can't troll both lures and baits, so you must make a choice.

Another item that we have grown accustomed to using for deep trolling baits is the downrigger. The downrigger can provide for true controlled depth fishing necessary to ensure continued catch successes. Probably one of the reasons these big eyes remain down is the slightly cooler water temperature. This year I intend to verify this by taking the temperature when a fish is caught deep.

So if you get the opportunity, try this method on the big eyes. I'm sure you will find it as successful as we have.

A mix of yellowfins and big eyes.

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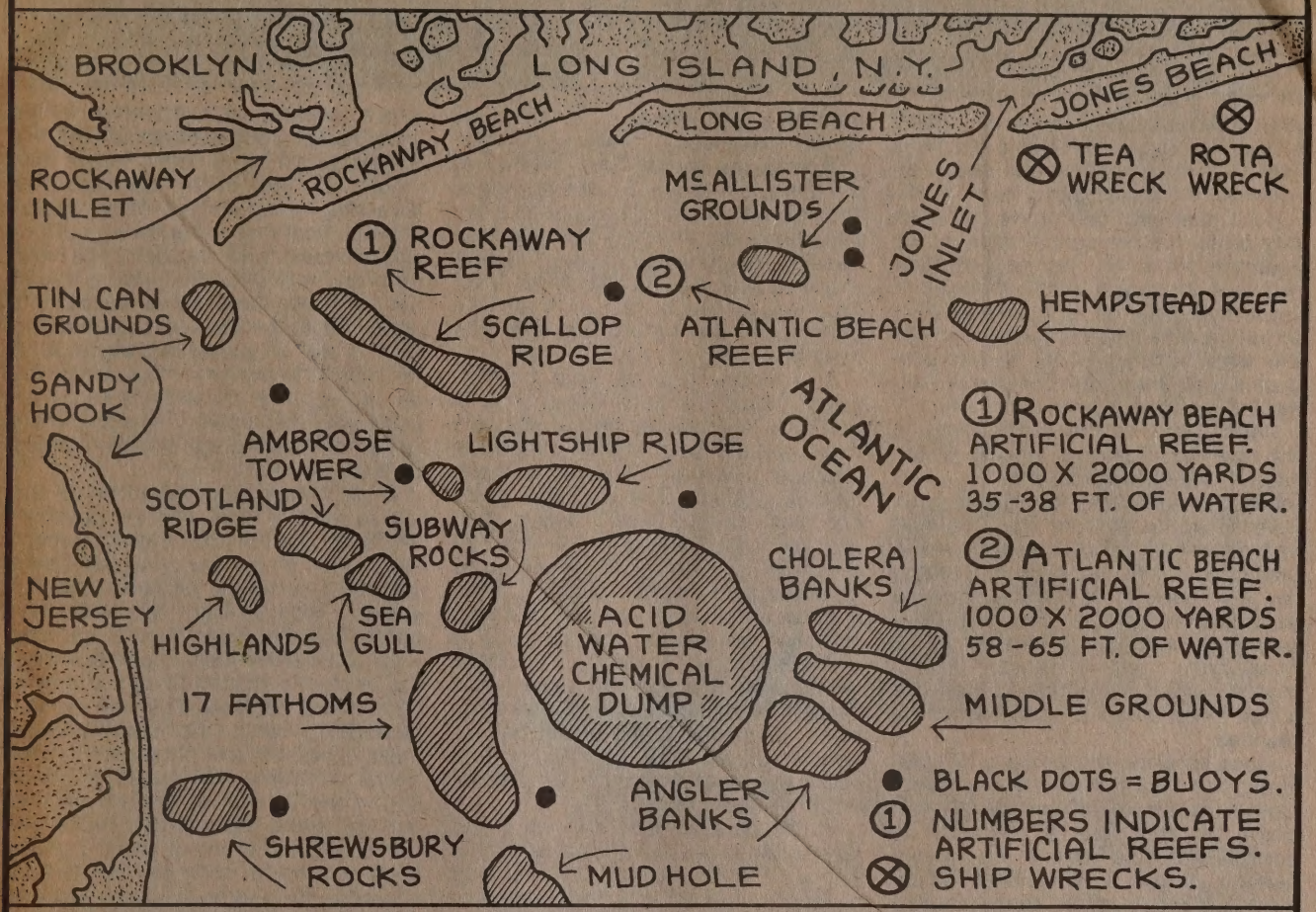

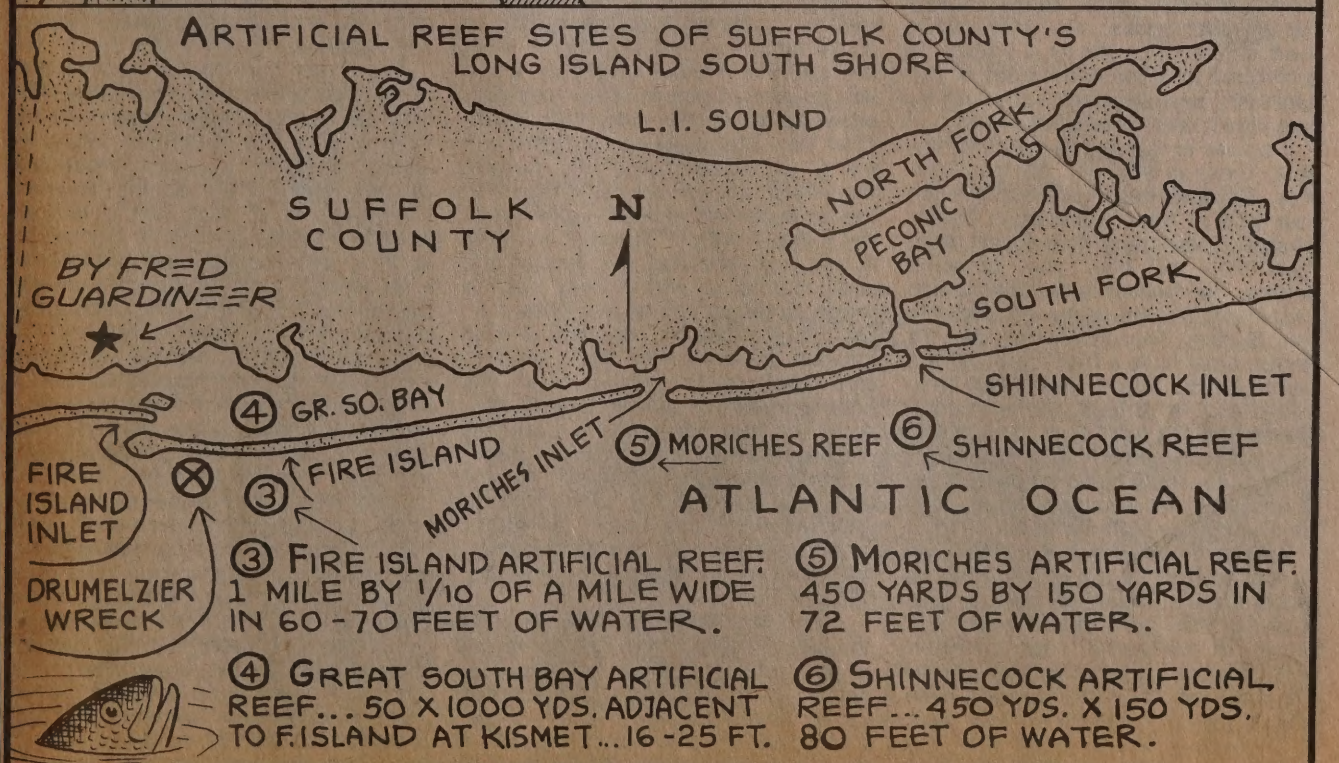
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SUPPERTIME BLUES

by John Fritz

Casters living in the Smithtown area are just a hop, skip and a jump away from some lively after dinner entertainment.

Wouldn't it be nice if we could spend an hour or so each evening catching fish without disrupting our everyday routine? To come home from work, have supper with the family and then take off for the beach, only to be home again in time for the nine o'clock movie on Channel 4. Well, those surf-casters living in the Smithtown vicinity have such an opportunity, for the waterfront at Short Beach produced such consistent fishing during the late summer of this past year.

Short Beach is the name given to the town bathing area located to the east of the Nissequogue River. It is reached by following the Nissequogue River Road north from Rt. 25 to the end. This road, which involves several confusing turns, twists its way along the east bank of the river. Persons unfamiliar with the area will encounter little difficulty if they keep the river on their left and make a turn in that direction whenever a fork or other questionable intersection is reached.

Upon entering the parking lot, pull along the left side of the building. Unfortunately for non-residents, this beach is restricted to persons in possession of the Town of Smithtown parking sticker; an additional fishing permit is required for those anglers staying after sunset. Parking outside the beach area, on the local streets, is prohibited so if you cannot obtain the necessary permits, seek out a fishing companion who lives in the town.

If access to this beach is not attainable, there is still one option available. Because this shore borders the east side of the Nissequogue River, whatever pertains to this shore more than likely will hold true, to some degree, for the opposite side, which happens to be a State Park. In order to fish Sunken Meadow after dark a person must have a free night fishing permit for his vehicle which had been issued at the various administration offices up until April 30th. This is the same permit which was issued to cover all the state parks on the Island, if one was not secured before this time, forget it until September 7th.

Back to Short Beach and the area directly in front of the pavilion where much of the surf fishing takes place. A trip to the beach at low water will reveal an extensive array of sand bars, covering the entire area from the mouth of the Nissequogue to the start of the rocky area which lies each of the bathing beach, in front of the bluffs. Last season a portion of these bars took the shape of a series of fingers extending seaward at right angles to the shore. The practice at this time was to wade out on a finger and cast into the deeper troughs lying on either side. As the water receded further, many anglers pushed out following the tide as the water level dropped, to finally cast in a fan-like pattern off the tip as the ebb tide reached its limit.

This entire general area harbors vast quantities of bait, which tend to collect in the deeper pockets as this maze of sand bars gradually become exposed. The bait will hold in these inshore pockets, drawing the game fish close to the beach, rather than venture offshore where certain destruction is likely. The ferocity and direction of the winter gales will have a considerable effect on the make-up of these sand bars; therefore, it is difficult to predict exactly how these formations will develop each year. The advice, which has been offered so often, to check out the beach beforehand in the daylight, to make note of the likely areas, will save substantial wasted effort later.

It can be assumed from what has already been written that most of the fishing is done during the latter half of the ebb tide. At this time, access to the sand bars can be achieved with an added factor being the normal flush of the estuarine waters which will serve as a further attraction to the predators prowling the nearby waters of Smithtown Bay. Many veteran surfmen will try to take advantage of this natural chum slick and direct their efforts to the large bar immediately adjacent to the river's outlet. This is an ideal location for the deep waters of the boat channel is within easy casting range of those fishing from this bar. On many occasions, surfmen at this location are hampered by the extensive boat traffic which plys this popular mooring and launching area. After the sun has set and darkness encloses the waterfront, the number of boats will decrease rapidly. At this time, the surfman can work without interference in his quest for either bass or weakfish for the third part of this trinity—the bluefish, prefer the daylight hours.

Along the shore line to the right of the bathing area, there are numerous large rocks scattered on the bay bottom. Although this would seem to be an ideal location to seek striped bass, local surfmen direct little effort to this opportunity. Another area which receives scant attention is the river's edge along the back-side of the peninsula and the bank inside the mouth of the river, opposite the launching ramp on the other shore. Several years ago the river bottom was covered with mussel beds, but unfortunately these beds were wiped out. In those days it was possible to enjoy excellent striped bass fishing for this was a natural feeding ground for bass in search of a meal. With the passage of time these beds could re-establish themselves, making this sector an ideal place to swim plugs through the night.

Disregarding what might be on the inside for the more certain developments on the outside, the equipment needed to fish the low-lying sand bars will most certainly include a pair of waders. Fishing from the large bar bordering the river mouth can be accomplished in short boots, but then the angler is restricted in his movement about the area. This can be disheartening when the better action takes place beyond the reach of an angler so attired. On the other hand, it is quite a walk to the tip of this bar and short boots would make the trek easier. After one or two trips, the habits of the fish can be ascertained allowing the angler to make a more informed decision as to what is more advantageous.

The finger bars to the front of the bathing area are another matter for they are almost always awash. Aside from waders and possibly a top, any angler desiring to keep what he catches should be equipped with some type of stringer for it is frequently a long way back to dry sand. In many instances, a hand gaff is also a necessary item of equipment unless the angler is adept at grabbing a struggling fish with his bare hand. A large percentage of these fish are small blues, approximately 2 to 5 lbs., which can be handled in this manner, but there is always the danger of a loose hook finding a finger during the fish's effort to gain freedom.

Bluefish are the number one quarry of those fishing the dusk period and these enthusiastic adversaries will readily take a wide variety of lures. Nothing is more exciting though than watching a fish smash a properly worked popper; therefore, this lure is favored most by the local fishermen. Some of the more popular and productive poppers are the 3/4 oz. Creek Chub, the 7/8 oz. Atom, the 1 oz. Gibbs Polaris and the 3/4 oz.

Rebel Windcheater. Those desiring a plug with a more tantalizing action can find no better plug than the 3/4 oz. Gibbs Pencil Popper. Unlike the normal popping plug which is jerked across the water's surface with a fairly rapid retrieve, the Pencil Popper is jigged wildly on the top with a slow retrieve. Even though it is more tiresome to work a Pencil Popper, the increased response they receive makes use of this plug worth the extra effort. Whichever type plug is chosen, it is advisable to use the small or medium sizes.

Since the larger-sized plugs do not score with the same consistency, heavy tackle is not necessary. Medium action rods measuring 8' or 9' in length are used by many of those fishing the bars, although some anglers prefer to get more enjoyment from these fish by using light tackle. It should be remembered that when using popping plugs, a tip that is too soft will make it harder to produce the sharp jerk needed to give the plug its proper action. If light tackle is chosen, then the plugs listed herein would be too heavy; it would be wise to fish with lighter poppers such as the 1/2 oz. Creek Chub Striper Strike or similar weight Atom or Cordell poppers.

The shore line in this part of Smithtown Bay faces almost due north, therefore, any strong winds from that quarter will be detrimental to the fishing. If such winds cancel any attempt at fishing the outside, it is possible to salvage a trip by working the sheltered waters of the river. Long Island Sound waters whipped by a strong blow will quickly subside once the winds diminish or change direction and become offshore, so unless it has been an exceptionally fierce gale that has stirred up a great deal of sediment, excellent fishing conditions can be realized a short time after the calm returns.

The conditions deemed ideal by many anglers fishing this area features an evening with little or no wind coupled with a high tide around three in the afternoon. Times of high water can be determined by using either Bridgeport or Port Jefferson as a reference in the local tide tables. Subtract from the short period of time when the tide is right, days when winds or heavy rains cancel any plans, and it can be seen that one should take advantage of every opportunity.

These late summer encounters with local fish are a fine tuneup for the approaching fall run. Unlike the extended trips and long hours of fishing common when the schools of game fish are departing our shores, the surf nut at this time can both enjoy the fishing and the company of his family. In fact, surf fishing of this type is ideal for breaking in the wife and kids to the thrills of our sport, but be warned that once they experience the excitement of battling a hard-fighting bluefish, it might be extremely difficult to leave them at home on future trips.

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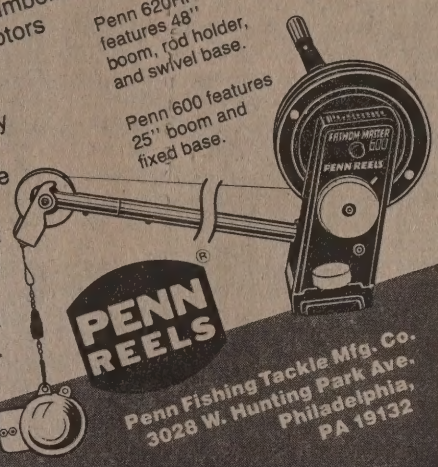

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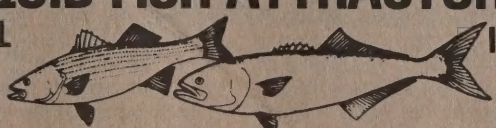

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SNAPPERS FOR EVERYONE

by Martin & Janet Garrell

A couple of "oldsters" rediscover the joys of snapper fishing during the waning days of summer.

Mature anglers are supposed to think of the "three B's" of inshore saltwater as blackfish, bluefish (large ones!) and bass; snappers are merely means to an end. Usually, we're live-lining, and we want to get the little fellows into an aerated tank or onto a tandem hook and harness as rapidly as possible so we can put them to work as bait for some big-mouthed, toothy predator. Porgies, flounder, and fluke have become our panfish, and the baby blues of the bays and shore lines are relegated to "baitfish only" status.

That's really too bad. Sometimes we forget that these juvenile versions of **Pomatomus saltatrix** have, ounce-for-ounce, every bit as much fighting ability as their elders, that they can often be challenging to catch, especially when waters are clear and the schools of snappers are not terribly large, and that they make fine table fare.

We found these things out for ourselves when we moved out to the eastern end of the Island seven years back. For several seasons the only snappers we caught were taken accidentally; searching for porgies or fluke on the Sound, we'd snag one of the little scrappers and either flip it back or harness it to catch some mythical doormat that never materialized. One afternoon when the catch was so meager that the family cat seemed rather disappointed, we brought a couple of snappers back in the cooler along with a few "breakfast sized" porgies for a taste comparison. Dipped in flour, fried, and served Meuniere style, the snapper fillets won the frying pan test, fins down.

That September, we learned that there were snappers in the 9" to 12" class in the Southold creeks near our home, and a friend tipped us off about a little marina on Peconic Bay where snapper schools chased bait all day long. Naturally, we decided to take a mess of snapper blues for the table. Knowing that many of our friends were successfully fishing for snappers with artificials, especially with tiny Kastmasters, Sidewinders, and other 1/16 to 1/4 oz. spoons, we elected to leave our cumbersome baited rigs home. No sloppy thawed spearing or clumsy floats for us! Instead, we brought a 5-weight flyrod, a sinking line, and an assortment of bright streamers in sizes 8-12. As a backup, we had an ultra-light spinner, a spool of 2½ lb. test line, and a bunch of tiny tins. Easy pickings—except that the snappers hadn't read the script!

In the backwater of the marina, the snappers followed the streamers, an they even showed mild interest whe we stripped line quickly, but the wouldn't take. The spoons were mor interesting for them, and the littl terrors would boil behind the lures o fast retrieves, but their taps wer tentative. Hookups were nil. Mildl annoyed, we left that school o snobbish snappers to their ow devices and headed for a bridge ove Mill Creek where a few anglers wer picking an occasional baby blue o floats, pinch sinkers, and hook baited with thawed spearing. A goo test of the effectiveness of ou sporting techniques was anticipated especially with the tiny spoons, whic we could cast a mile.

But those snappers wanted no par of sport! It wasn't until we snagged a spearing and drifted the live fis down-tide on a tiny treble that we finally got a solid strike and realized that the little devils wanted "meat" or nothing at all. Very briefly, the thought came to mind—clad in new waders and a recent gift, an Orvis wading vest, should we ask one o those kids fishing the bridge for a couple of spearing? What would the kid think? The humbling experience came to an end when the tide slackened and both the kids and the

Frank Gehring (L) puts one in the bucket; Jan (R) tries to flip one onto the dock, and Frank Manarel looks on.

snappers disappeared.

We've since heard similar tales, and the evidence is quite plain that snappers are remarkably similar to the older stages of **P. saltatrix.** When food comes easily, when water visibility is good, and when competition isn't truly keen, baby blues get very, very picky. No matter how small, and no matter how swiftly retrieved, artificials just don't look right to them. Follows, bumps, and nudges seldom result in hard strikes. On the other hand, the angler who drops a spearing-baited hook down through the school usually finds a taker, especially if the baited hook is small; for example, a size 8 extra long shank hook passed through the thawed spearing's gills and anchored in the tail, and the split shots (and float, if necessary) above the bait are not too heavy. Of course, a few inches of 8-15 lb. test leader above the hook is a must, even if it does spook a few fish, because gossamer monofil is too easily severed by tiny choppers.

Last year, we got around to serious snapper fishing again when Frank Gehring of New Suffok invited us onto a private dock which juts out into Peconic Bay. From previous fluke fishing trips, Frank knew we liked light tackle angling and called us when the September snappers were at their peak; this time we were better prepared for the small schools of picky mini-blues, and we assembled not only fly and spinning rods, but also leaders with split shot and light long shank hooks. We tried not to look too conspicuous when we purchased frozen spearing that morning from the Lorias at Capt. Marty's.

The 15 knot westerlies that day made fly fishing difficult, and when power casts and hauls into the wind produced nothing but half-hearted follows, we gave up the endeavor. Fishing with bait, Gehring and his friend, Frank Manarel of Mattituck, already had several snappers in the bucket by the time we finally hooked and played our first fish on a 1/8 oz. Kastmaster. It became obvious that tins by themselves were going to provide only a slow pick.

Jan elected to try a leader rigged with shot, hook, and spearing, and her little Alcedo reel was soon stuttering as she set the hook on a 10" speedster. On ultra-light gear and lines of 4 lb. test or less, there's no question that a yearling snapper would knock the socks off a rainbow trout of similar size. I fumbled around through the kit and found a size 0 Reflecto spoon with a single #4 hook that seemed just perfect for baiting the larger spearing, and flipped the "tipped" spoon up-tide of the snapper school. Two twitches of the rod tip and a couple of turns on the handle of the Quick Microlite and—bang! That combination as well as a 1/8 oz. Dardevle on whose #8 treble a spearing also dangled seemed as effective as any bait presentation. The only trick was dropping back a second or two to let the snappers work their way up to the hook.

Frank Gehring unhooks a snapper taken from Peconic Bay last September.

Through trial and error, we'd discovered what a lot of snapper fans have known for a long time. It's hard to beat bait, and, if you put something shiny, like a small spinner or spoon ahead of that bait, it becomes even more enticing. It seems that ultralight gear and snapper fishing were made for each other, although in some areas there's a chance that some hungry teen-sized bass, tiderunner weak, or doormat fluke is hanging around the snapper schools waiting for a "cripple" to swim away from the mass of baby blues. Should that happen while you're fishing with a peanut outfit and 2 to 4 lb. test line, things can get embarrassing. Along the shores of Peconic Bay in late summer, it's not unusual to hook a fluke or two, fish around 3 lbs., that are aroused by the commotion of snapper fishing, but these smaller fluke, generally hooked on the actual snapper rigs, are easy enough to handle on ultra-light gear if the angler is patient.

Perhaps the best thing about mature anglers who take snappers seriously is that they know who's going to clean the fish afterwards. They're cognizant of just how many fish they need for supper and an extra meal or two, and they stop when they have had enough unlike some younger anglers. We know Dads and Moms who've spent long nights cleaning the kids' fish and wonder how many the neighbors really want! Incidentally, although buckets are traditional for snapper fishing, the little blues are best transferred to small coolers packed with ice, for their flesh is soft and the summer sun is awfully warm.

Often the best part of a snapper fishing trip is the pleasant banter exchanged while dividing up the delicious spoils. On that day late last summer on Peconic Bay, after we were sure we'd stoked the cooler with enough snappers and photographed all the participants in action, we adjourned to the patio of Frank Gehring's house. Looking out on the Bay and sipping cider, we felt the first sad tingle of fall in the air. No, we weren't children any more, but those exciting mini-bluefish had certainly transported us back in time. Snappers are not just for kids!

SOUTH SHORE WRECKS FOR DOORMATS

by Matt Ahern

One favorite pastime of mine during late summer/early fall is to go offshore wreck fishing for doormat fluke. During the regular summer season, which I spend drifting in bays, creeks, and the like, I may not catch many outsized fluke (perhaps none at all), but when I go out there on those local offshore wrecks in late August or early September, I usually make up for it, for the opportunity is certainly there.

Last year, however, I never got that opportunity. My fishing buddy Artie Leidecker came down with the fantods, or something, and by the time he got over that, it was time to begin fall blackfishing. Much too late for doormat fluke.

I've been wreck fishing for doormats for over a half-century. At first, it was an on-again, off-again thing. Usually, if the party boats I fished from as a kid went wreck fishing for sea bass and porgies in early fall, I would wait until those sharp old-timers on board had their fill of these fish. This was my cue, for when this happened, those fellows would immediately cease fishing and rig for the pool-winning fluke they hoped to catch. I watched these preparations with much interest and would try to emulate each step, but I guess I missed something, for in the beginning I never had much success. Especially the first two years. But gradually with help from those old-timers, I ironed out the difficulties and began to get a little action.

Those were the heydays of great fluke fishing; therefore it wasn't difficult to come up with some pretty fair-sized fish. On good days, eight and ten pounders were more or less common on the wrecks during late summer and early fall, say into the first week of October. If you hadn't done yourself some good by that time, you could forget it until the next year.

I can recall days when eight and ten pounders didn't raise an eyebrow. This is easy to believe when I tell you that the largest fluke I ever saw taken from a wreck (or any other place) was a shade over 19 lbs. This monster was taken by a first-time lady fisherman. On a dropline yet! As for myself, I once decked a 14 lber. from that same New Jersey wreck. Between you and I, I don't think I'll ever beat this fluke, but as hope springs eternal in every dedicated fisherman's breast, I'm always in there pitching.

Well, as the years passed, I took advantage of every opportunity to try for doormat fluke on those offshore wrecks. However, it wasn't until after World War II when Artie bought his "Echo" that I really became involved with this type of fishing. It took some high-speed coaxing on my part to get Artie interested, but eventually I did. Which is a plus for me, for this guy is not easily persuaded. But it worked out okay, for with Artie's keen knowledge of our local wrecks and my insistence that we at least give it a try, we began to put a dent in the doormat fluke population.

Our largest fluke to date that I can recall offhand has been a twelve pounder. Artie nailed this one and when he did, he quickly became a convert and believer in doormat fluke fishing. Actually, I'm glad he caught that fish instead of me because if it hadn't happened that way, Artie probably would have given up the idea—thinking perhaps that I'd run the old con on him. (Perish the thought!) I now depend on Artie to put us over the fish, for without his knowledge or wreck locations and so forth, I'd simply have to curtail my doormat fishing. And I don't know if I could stand this.

South shore fluke fans have learned that ocean wrecks provide the best shot at a late summer doormat.

You know, all my fishing life I've been told big baits catch big fish. To that I've always said "hogwash!" for on most occasions I've found just the opposite to be true. I've fished fluke at times when if you didn't have small killies, you caught no fish. But those fellows who insist on big baits are not entirely wrong, for it is certainly true that small baits produce no doormat fluke when wreck fishing. Period! This is the type of fishing where big baits are an absolute must. The bigger, the better—within reason, of course.

Doormat fluke will accept just about any type fish bait—if it's cut into oversize strips. This includes fluke belly, squid, porgy and bergall slices, and even dark-skinned sea bass, for fluke consider as edible just about anything that swims if it will fit into its huge maw. But the best of all bait, bar none, is a juicy six-inch strip of dogfish...the summertime doggie, that is, not the cold-water doggie we catch by the zillions when codfishing in November.

I've known about the fluke-catching ability of summertime doggies for a good, long time. Here is how it happened.

When I was a kid on those party boats of yesteryear, one of the most popular baits for doormats was an eight-inch, quarter pound strip of raw beef liver. This was also the favorite of the elite doormat fluke specialist. Naturally, I was impressed and gave this glop a fair play, but because there was something yiccky about handling the stuff I was never enthusiastic about its use. It wasn't long before I looked around for a substitute. After much trial and error, I came up with the summer doggie, which was not only clean to handle, but I felt certain it produced just as many doormats for me as did that messy beef liver for the sharpies. I even succeeded in getting a few converts; no mean thing in those days, for few old-timers put much stock in a knee-pants kid's observations.

I also recall a party boat wreck fishing trip for doormats back in 1964 when those dogfish strips produced two-thirds of the total catch. And this at a time when fluke of any size were indeed scarce in Long Island waters. And old Matt was the guy with the dogfish bait. I came by it honestly. My partner at the rail had caught the dogfish and when he decided to throw it overboard, I asked for it. Naturally, I got the horse laugh from those around me when I explained what I intended to do. I offered to share the strips, but got no takers. By the time those other fishermen came to their senses and realized what was going on, it was too late; I was down to my last strip and had two-thirds of the boat's catch in the sack—the largest

easily seven pounds.

So, no matter what type of bait you plan to use for doormat fluke, remember it must be **large.** And hook it once, and once only, at its widest end. I cut my bait into 6" strips, about 1" wide—and I never scale it. This leaves the bait supple. It pays off. Artie likes to use strips up to eight inches. He claims these longer baits entice more fluke than do the shorter ones because they undulate more enticingly on bottom. Maybe so, but I've tried it and have found no difference in my overall catch. So I leave that up to you.

Jigging your bait along the bottom is the best method to use, and it is here where two-foot lifts of the rod will do better than shorter sweeps. When you feel a pick-up, don't become over-anxious. A hard thing to do, perhaps, but it will pay you to keep calm. **Don't** attempt to hook the fish. Instead, carefully free-spool your line and allow the fluke to work on the bait. The fish will eventually get it down, and when it does you'll know all about it, for that surprised fluke will take off with a powerful surge and hook itself. Easy does it!

Rigging for doormat fluke is no problem. But first, let me say this. Always keep your rigging simple—no matter what type of bottom fishing you have in mind. If at any time you find you are having rigging difficulties, be assured you are doing something wrong! Remember, too, the sinker bouncers tried and proven adage: the less hardware, the better. If you make it a point to always follow this advice faithfully, you'll see your catch increase.

As I say, rigging is no problem. It is the same as for the smaller bay fluke, with one exception. Every component must be on a heavier scale. I'm a great believer in 4/0 regular shanked Sproat hooks for fluke—but not when doormat fishing! Your hook should be a 5/0 or 6/0 Carlisle or Kirby. These hooks are long shanked and made to do the job. This is the only time I recommend these hooks for fluke fishing; but if you sink one of them into a doormat, you'll be glad you used it—the teeth in that cavernous mouth are indeed wicked-looking; in fact, they're downright scary!

As for tackle, this, too, is no great problem, but spinning gear is out. Forget it! It isn't necessary to employ codfishing tackle, but you've got to use something with backbone. My best advice is to use a medium-weight conventional rod with a matching reel capable of holding at least 150 yards of 30 lb. test good quality monofilament line. This is what I use and have never had reason to find fault.

Your leader should be 40 lb. test and from three to four feet long. My preference is for the four-footer. Why this extra length should make such a difference when doormat fluke fishing, I don't know—but it does. A good guess would be that the extra length tends to lend more action to the bait's presentation.

Use a suitable bank sinker (probably in the six ounce range) and tie the leader about three inches above it. Incidentally, don't use mono line from your reel as a substitute leader. It won't work; but it will curl and twist and you'll soon be gnashing your teeth in frustration.

I know four-foot leaders are hard to find, but if you send a post card to Midland Tackle Company, 66 Route 17, Sloatsburg, New York 10974, they'll send you a free catalog which lists leader material in 47" lengths—which is what is needed.

The use of a three-way swivel is your choice. I don't find it necessary, but its use is up to you—a 4/0 in size is okay. Most doormat fishermen I know simply tie the leader to the line after first forming a two inch loop with a double-overhand knot.

One absolutely necessary piece of equipment for the doormat fluke fisherman is a wide, long-handled net—the wider, the better. Doormats are not only broad, as the name suggests, but quite tricky when brought to the surface. The crucial moment then becomes crucial to the extreme. **Always** hold the net before the fish and make sure the fluke is at least halfway into it before making any sudden movement. Easy does it! Never, never attempt to net a fluke (or any fish) from behind. No matter how exhausted that fluke is, the instant it senses the net near its tail (especially if you should be so foolish as to touch it with the net), that fluke will call upon a reserve of strength you never knew it possessed. It's good-bye fluke! To show how much we respected surfaced doormat fluke in the long-ago, we never used a net—always a gaff! A word to the wise is sufficient.

There are many local wrecks which harbor outsized fluke in late summer. The Stone Barge, Steel Wreck, Coal Wreck, C.O.D. Wreck, and the Iberia Wreck, to name a few. These are available from Jones Inlet. Artie and I have caught doormats on all of them, with the largest coming from the Iberia and the Stone Barge.

We've found that the best way to fish these wrecks is to drift around the outside and along the edges. Fluke lie there awaiting an opportunity to pounce upon some luckless victim venturing too far from shelter. If anchoring is necessary, as when party boat fishing for sea bass, porgies, ling, etc., the best method is to get your rig out with an underhand cast and work the bait back. If casting cannot be done and you must fish straight up and down, put plenty of action in your bait by continuously jigging the rod. This is most important!

I don't know how many fluke await me out there, or how big they'll be, for certainly doormat fluke fishing is a far cry from the way it was, but if I can shake Artie Leidecker enough, I intend to get out there soon. Between you, me, and that proverbial lamppost, I can't wait.

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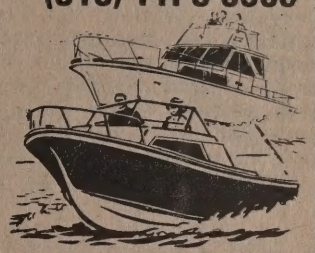

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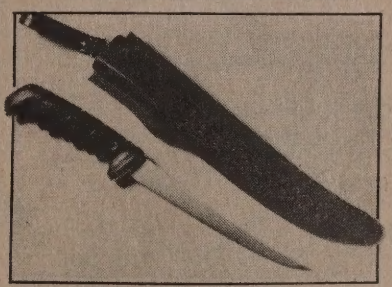

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Conclusion—*by William A. Muller*

Okosta saw the wall of death that was a gillnet and the school he led was moving towards it. He rushed around the outside edge of the feeding school and placed himself between the school of blues and the gillnet. As the members of his flock pressed closer and closer, he nipped at the tails of some in an attempt to drive them away from the net. Yet the school remained oblivious and continued to feed with abandon. Several times the school pressed Okosta's body lengthwise against the net. Okosta moved off away from the school and away from the gillnet.

When the school hit the net, they did so with teeth clenching together. The net twine was bitten through in several places. The teen-sized blues had no trouble biting through the mesh, but others had moved into the net head first and they were now lodged in the twine. The net shook with the violent efforts of the big blues to escape, yet the harder they struggled, the more solidly they were held. Okosta swam to the net again, and, instead of rushing into it, he pulled up at the edge and began to bite through the net again and again. His jaws were powerful and his experience deep. Only once did he catch his teeth in the mesh, but then he pulled free with a quick violent spurt of speed.

In a few minutes it was over. Only Okosta and Salka remained from the school. The rest were dead in the nets. Several big sharks moved in against the nets and began to eat the netted blues, before the creatures above the water were able to retrieve the net. There was no school and for Salka and Okosta there was only loneliness. The two large males moved off the beach together, swimming side by side for about a mile, often pressing their flanks together for comfort, and then they swam off in separate directions.

Okosta made no effort to find another school. Instead he became a rogue, usually feeding alone, but sometimes joining up with schools that passed his way. He would feed and swim with his cousins for awhile and then swim off on his own. Okosta did return to the spawning grounds each spring and in that sense, maintained a genetic contact with his own kind.

He found that he was a skillful hunter and did not need the awesome abilities of the wolf pack hunting pattern in order to survive and flourish. In the summer of his thirteenth year he weighed twenty-four pounds, and he still flourished.

In recent years he spent virtually the entire summer in the ocean. There was plenty of food and he did not fear the sharks and other enemies any more. He saw few of the creatures that remained above the ocean and that was good. However, in late August of this thirteenth year of his life, the strong smell of menhaden pulled him into Long Island Sound. In those last few days of summer there were hot days that drove the bunker deep. In water as deep as ninety feet he found them and feasted until he could eat no more. At times, he rested on the cool deep bottom for hours at a time. He was safe and content.

In mid-September, several cold fronts raced across southern New England driving air temperatures into the 50s and water temperatures from a high in the mid-70s to around 67°. The bunker moved out of the deep water in the Sound pushed by strong winds and cooler temperatures. Some of the schools found their way into the large harbors that dot the north shore of Long Island. Okosta should have returned to the ocean, but he was pulled into more shallow water by the strong smell of the oily bunker. In the evening he could hear them flopping on the surface inside the harbors, but he did not go inside at first. There was the caution, the instinct that kept him away. Each day that passed there were fewer and fewer large bunker in the open Sound and hunger was pressuring Okosta to move into the harbors. On the outgoing tide there were often large slicks of oil from the bait fish.

Then, events conspired to lure Okosta into behavior he had not commonly assumed for some years. In the pre-dawn hours he cruised in the deep waters of Huntington Bay, wallowing in the smell of bunker drifting out of Huntington Harbor with the falling tide. The smell was very heavy and there were traces of the smell of blood in the oil that drifted near the surface. He swam closer to the lighthouse by the entrance to the harbor. It was very quiet and he began to pick up the sounds of his species feeding inside the harbor. He could hear the great tails explode as they pushed against the water, he felt the vibrations of great powerful jaws slamming together, and he sensed the agitated vibrations from the bunker as they sprayed across the surface of the water in an attempt to escape their death.

Okosta moved into the harbor. There was an old, faint yet familiar, but primitive call coming to him from the water. Although he had spent many months alone he did not lose the instinct to be part of the wolf pack. He pressed on and could feel that the blues and bunker were getting closer all the time. He looked up and there were no floating things and this left him secure. He wanted and he needed to join the hunt. His heart pounded faster with each stroke of his tail and the eyes searched frantically for signs of the slaughter. He pressed on in such an agitated state that he wasn't even looking for the wall of death.

Suddenly, up ahead in the dim light and murky harbor water he could see traces of large blues, many as large as he was, leaving great turbulent wakes in the water. There were about twenty of them and they were hunting. Several of the great animals sank quietly below the bunker while the others raced around the margin of the school, driving them into a tighter and tighter ball. When the bunker were so tight that they pressed against each other the few that had remained patiently below the school charged up off the bottom, chopping several fish in half and driving the school outward into the waiting jaws of the other blues. Quickly the water was thick with blood, fish scales, and mucus. The blues were in a frenzy now and they killed greedily. Large chunks of bunker drifted aimlessly towards the bottom.

It was obvious to Okosta that this group of large fish were willing to accept him and he joined in eagerly. It was good to be part of the wolf pack again. Once as he shot after a half of a bunker that sailed to the bottom, he saw a large bass feeding carefully on the bottom. That was good, for it was typical to have one or two of these great beasts lurking under the blues.

It was a dawn of carelessness and abandon. It was a time of great joy for the blues and a time of intense panic and destruction for the bunker, for there was no escape for them. At times, there were almost as many pieces of bunker in the water as there were swimming bunker and Okosta delighted in biting at the pieces as much as he did driving the bait and chopping at the live ones.

This was not murder, although it might appear that way to an outsider. No, not murder; it was a species fulfilling its rightful place and proper way in the world.

Okosta picked up a large piece of bunker even though he was distended with those fish he had already eaten. When he went to swim off after another fish he was jerked back violently. Only then did he see the line and feel the hook that was now embedded securely in his jaw. He made a violent dash for some debris

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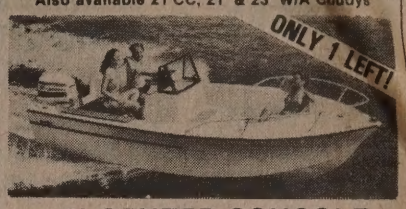

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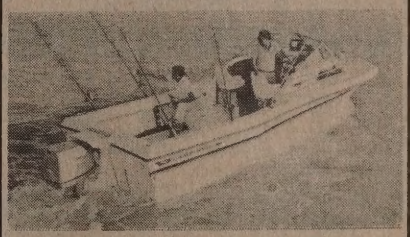

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that wasn't too far away and he was able to take many feet of line. However, just short of the maze of ropes and metal ahead, his muscles fatigued and he had to stop. He rested for a moment, but he was pulled away from the debris. Within seconds his energy returned and he flew off on another run, but again he was stopped. He made many attempts to swim off as far as he could, but each time he was fatigued more easily than the time before, and now he was aware that he was being pulled closer and closer to one of the floating creatures that he had learned a long time ago to hate and avoid. He did not reason it, but by instinct it was recognized as trouble and death.

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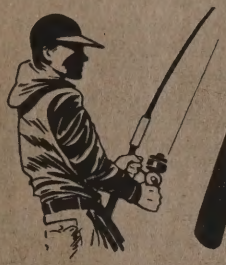

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East End Report

by Stu Miller

MONTAUK

The giants are in proclaimed Charlie at **Star Island Yacht Club.** Our boats killed giant tuna this weekend and with Star Island's Tuna Tournament coming up September 11 and 12, this was certainly good news. Five giants were taken on the weekend out of Star Island. A 556 lb. giant was taken by Tom Fiorentino with wife Leah on the rod on the boat Breakaway Saturday. A 561 lb. giant was taken Sunday. Rich Sealise on Andiamo boated a 501 lb. giant tuna. Rich Towlan on Our Pleasure scored with a 520 lb. giant while Mike Ferrigno on Armadillo hooked and landed a 611 lber. All these fish were taken on herring SE of Block Island. There were loads of other hookups on giants. On Don Norton's General J Joe Silveri on the rod caught 3 big eye tuna, weights 252, 232 and 261 lbs. Aboard Howie Rubin's Cutlet 3 big eyes weighing 260, 165 and 240 lbs. were brought in plus a 72 lb white marlin caught by Nick Traynor. Many other boats also had a very good tuna catch. Offshore is alive with tuna said Charlie. The giants are in and are being landed now.

Abooard the charter boat **Julie II** on Friday Brian Wilson's party totalled 17 weaks, 28 blues and 15 fluke in the Block Island area. Saturday's trip for Artie Werkman and group hoisted 700 lbs of porgies at Gardiner's while Sunday's trip saw Jim Rizidies of Queens take 900 lbs. of bluefish on jigs wiht tubes at Block.

Captain Mike Potts of the **Bluefin I and IV** called to say that overall sthe albacore and yellow fin tuna slowed down a bit, but even so some decent catches were brough in by his charters. Monday saw a 65 lb. white marlin and 2 albacore taken aboard the **BF I.** The **BF IV** had 4 albies. Tuesday BF I tried for giants but ended up with a 45 lb. white marlin for the Orzo group. Wednesday the Bush party hoisted 7 albies. Thursday morning's trip scored with 70 blues trolling umbrellas at SW Ledge and in the afternoon a family group took 24 fluke up to 5 lbs. in North Rips on fluke belly/spearing combos. Two green bonito and 15 blues were taken under the Light. The Matthews group on a weekend overnighter to the canyon had a 189 lb. big eye tuna, a 45 lb white marlin, 2 yellowfin tuna to 68 lbs. and 20 albacore to 55 lbs. That was all on the BF IV. The BF I, holding with the blues averaged 50-80 choppers per trip on umbrellas at SW Ledge all week.

The **Marlin Fleet** has been having spectacular night bluefishing on 10-18 lb. alligators both at Cartwright and Block. Fares are averaging over 20 fish per man. Bottom fishing has been fair on porgies, blacks and sea bass.

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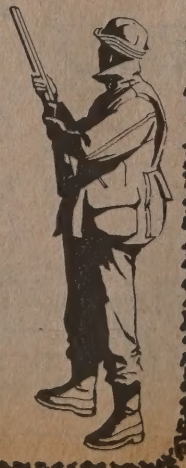


This party of Jersey anglers headed by Al Ellis did a nice job on weaks, blues and fluke during a recent charter at Montauk aboard the 'Montauk.'

Forty cod up to 35 lbs. and 12 pollack to 25 lbs. taken by Walter, Mark and John on a spring trip aboard the Montauk charter boat "Vivienne."

Fluking has been especially good with catches averaging 10-18 keepers per man with an 11 lber. being big fluke of the week. Action has been in the rips off the Lighthouse.

Aboard the 6-man limit open boat **Waxed,** Capt. Buddy Dorman reports porgy action fr his customers at Gardiner's Island remains productive. Average catches have been between 50-90 fish a man. Saturday was great as was Sunday. On Sunday one angler before sailing said he always catches no more than 1½ doz. porgies on any given trip. This unnamed angler was low hook that day with 46 porgies.

Maureen at **Gone Fishing Marina** advises that the Charity Striped Bass Clinic and Tournament will start Friday, Sept. 3, at her marina. The clinic will be at 5:30 p.m. and will be conducted by World record striped bass holder Bob Richetta and striper sharpy Dennis Kelly. Al Ristori and John Alberda will also be pitching in and refreshments will be served. The tournament will start 9PM Friday and end 9AM Sunday with only rod and reel bass qualifying. Al Ristori will be the judge.

On Thursday Ken Danielson,s Bob Loesch and Lon Remkus caught a 47 lb. white marlin. The fish took 40 minutes to land and jumped thrice. The fish hit a trolled rigged squid 35 miles SE of the Point.

Aboard the charter boat **Mako Express** Paul Fusco hooked and landed a 238 lb. mako. Long fin albacore and true albacore up to 52 lbs. were taken on light tackle on another trip by Bruce Bowman. 'On another trip, 33 blue shark were brought to the boat on light tackle and released during the week.

Sharking has greatly improved according to Capt. Mike of the charter boat **Montauk.** September looks as though it will be a hot shark month. Alligator blues are starting to stack up at Cartwright . A three day trip for Al Akins and party saw the first day produce 50 blues and 50 fluke. The second day produced 110 cod up to 15 lbs. and the third day resulted in a catch of 5 long fin tuna 40 lbs. and a yellowfin of 96 lbs. They also bagged a 110 lb. mako. On another trip Sunday a 246 lb. blue shark was the reward for Bob Cuce.

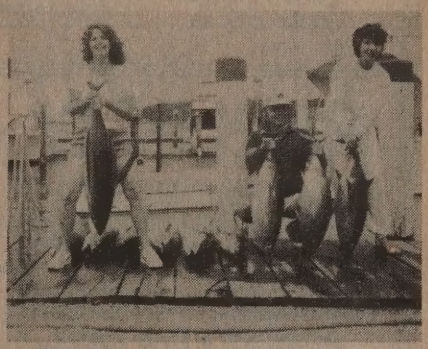
A call from the charter boat **Free Spirit** advised of good wire lining with umbrellas for blues at the Elbow and Great Eastern, fish in the 7-9 lb. class. Fishing 25 miles SE of the Lighthouse a great white stripped a big Penn International.

The crew from **Shanes Marine** fished Block Island this past week and had a 52 lb. white marlin with Scott Weiss on the rod. They also had 6 yellowfin tuna to 60 lbs. and 4 longfin tuna, all on plastic. The marlin was caught at the Fish Tails and all the action was on Robert Shanes Sea Wolf.

Aboard Capt. Joe McBride's charter boat **My Mate** we learn that Tony Consentino and John Davis of Pt. Washington had 4 brown shark and a 95 lb. mako. On a half day trip in shore 65 blues and some bonito were umbrellaed at the Point while Thursday's half day trip saw additional blues and bones umbrellaed at the same area. Blues wer in the 5-10 lb. range.

Capt. Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** told us that om Monday, 12 long fin albies went into the box for Mr. Yamata while on Wednesday Joe Layman (Hummers) landed an 80 lb. mako. A tiger shark and blue shark were broughgt to the boat and released. The weekend's canyon overnighter saw a 150 lb. big eye tuna caught along with 4 yellowfin tuna, 2 of which were in the 100 lb. range. The fares also had a box full of long fin albacore. They had action all day which included 2 marlin hookups at once and 4 big eyes at once. This was all in horrendous sea conditions.

Captain John Keller's **Bronco Explorer** on 2 canyon trips Thursday and Saturday accounted for 4 white marlin of 67, 72 80 asnd 105 lbs. 35 albies from 20-60 lbs. all on green machines and Jet lures, with action at Fish Tails



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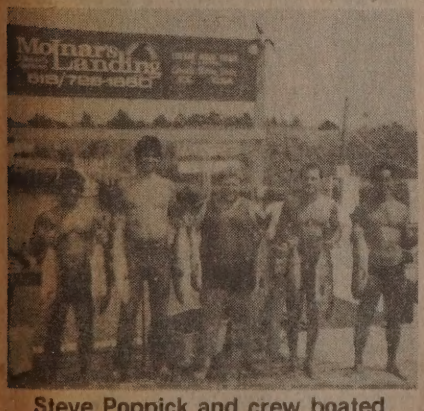
Aboard charter boat **Nostalgia II** Tuesday's trip for Kevin Anderson fished inshore for fluke to 5 lbs. at buoy 5 Shagwong. Friday saw Dr. Edmonds' Group boat 10 fluke to 5 lbs. along with a good batch of small blues and bonito. Sunday was slow offshore for the Parker Bros. so they proceeded to one of the skipper's cod hotspots and proceeded to catch 20 cod up to 23 lbs.

Captain Bob of the charter boat **Sundance** tells us groups have been getting from 6-15 albacore per trip, fish going 25-60 lbs. Last Sunday's trip for Jeff Olstrom, Westchester had 2 blue shark and 3 albies while Thursday's trip for Ken Easton saw 50 blues and 3 green bonito caught. Friday's trip fished off the Point and using down riggers loaded up on 75 blues from 5-10 lbs. Bluefin tuna are getting good and Bob says he still has some dates available.

SOUTH FORK

In **Sag Harbor**, Capt. Artie Lach of the **Wilhelric II** advised he's had his first shot of jumbo porgies up in the Sound on Mad Dog Reef, (named after Capt. Artie "Mad Dog" Lach. On Thursday most fares had from 30-50 big porgies a man up to and over 3 lbs. Friday for some reason this feat could not be repeated.Saturday, Sunday and Monday fares had good catches of mixed porgies locally. Monday saw high hook of 102 porgies for Doris of Queens. Fishing has been good and consistent to the tune o 25-75 fish a man with anglers in the stern catching best. Fluking Tuesday at Gardiner's was slow but Wednesday on the last of the ebb in 1½ hours nearly 200 keeper fluke were caught to 4½ lbs. Jack Gleason and 3 friends (all regulars) totalled 61 keeper fluke amongst them. Tuesday was Ladies' Day and needless to say the 2 pools on the boat were both won by the gals.

Bayview Fishing Station reported porgies at Cedar Pt being good



Steve Poppick and crew boated over 30 blues in the 8-12 lb. class while chumming in 100' of water S.W. of Shinnecock Inlet. Photo courtesy of Molnar's Landing in Hampton Bays.

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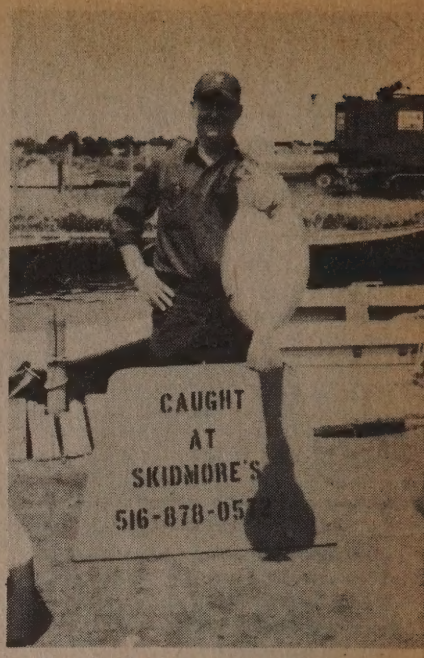

Ray Herbst shows the 7 lb. 3 oz. fluke he took on a killie at buoy 41 in Moriches Bay after renting a skiff from Skidmore's Fishing Station.

though smaller, in the 3/4 lb. class. Quantities of fish however. Weaks at Jessups and Noyac Bay now starting, fish 2-4 lbs. on squid and jelly worms. Decent fluking at the ruins with quality up, quantity down. Lots of 2 lbs. blues at Cartwright Shoal.

Over at **Noyac Marina** Barbara advised that catches have improved on weakfish and that lots of humpback porgies and 1-3 blues and a few kings are being caught now. Best action has been between the Monastery and Long Beach with some porgies also at buoy 16. Both tides are producing. Squid for the weaks and sand worms for the porgies.

Over at **Specks Tackle** in **Southampton** Thom told us that fluking at the Ruins slowed a bit as did porgy pulling. Porgies being caught are slightly smaller than last week's. Snappers and small blues have been a steady thing through Peconic and Sag Harbor. Shinnecock has seen an upswing in flounder action at the CG station and East Channel. Fluke activity at the mouth of the inlet should be stirring again by the weekend. Triggerfish which are very tasty and fish like blackfish are hitting worms and clam off the jetty stone. Lots of snappers around. Porgies in Peconic have slowed and are small.

The **Capt. Clark II** sailing out of **Shinnecock Canal** reports good porgy fishing last week in Peconic Bay. Weakfish being caught daily in fair numbers too. On Sunday, **Capt. Clark Jr.** had over 600 porgies o r 25 fares, fish running in the 3/4 to 1 lb. class on clam and sand worms. Thirty-nine weaks from 1½-3 lbs. were also boated as were some snappers. The boat will be ocean wreck fishing every Wednesday and Saturday for sea bass and blackfish.

South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

The weekend's crisp, fall-like weather served as a harbinger of things to come but it was to premature to expect any drastic changes in the South Shore fishing scene. Changes are in the wind though and the next few weeks should reflect sweeping changes from summer's stagnant pattern.

EAST END BAYS & INLETS

A trio of Islip Terrace anglers trailered their Boston Whaler to **Moriches** on Saturday and found some super fluking just outside on the Inlet bars. Ray Solinas and his son Ray, Jr., along with John Schauer, put away 30 keeper fluke in just 3 hours during the last part of incoming and the first of the Ebb. The trio used spearing and felt it was the big difference between their success and the mediocre catches of other boats in the area. On five different occasions, three fish were being fought simultaneously. Lauching was done at **Hi-Way Fishing Staion** in **East Moriches.**

Capt. Fred of the charter boat **Sea Mist** said that he had some brown and dusky sharks during the week along with Charlie Nowak's first mako which was saved for mounting. It was a three footer. The skipper reported a fair pick of blues in 80-90' of water SE

Another fine catch of flounder taken out of Moriches Bay this summer. Ray and Evelyn Mitchell and Jack and Cathy Friend took these at buoy 36 on Aug. 1 after renting a skiff from Silly Lily Fishing Station.

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Pat Cantalano and Chris Block with 18 fluke to 4 lbs. caught in Moriches Bay from a Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station skiff.

of the Inlet on umbrella rigs. Fish range anywhere from 6 on up to 12 pounds.

Jack and Cathy Friend, Ray and Evelyn Mitchell and Mike Murtell continued to put a dent in the **Moriches Bay** flounder population. Fishing out of Gary Grunseich's **Silly Lilly Fishing Station**, the group put a away 113 flatties up to 2 pounds on red dyed clams, worms and mussel chum. Best flattie action has been south of buoy 34, buoy 36 and 39. The fluke fishing, while good during the week was slow on Sunday. Phil Sztorc had 16 keepers to 3 pounds on Thursday. Best bet is between Havens Point and the C.G. Station. Snappers and crabs in good supply in all coves and creeks. Private boatmen taking big blues up to 16 pounds and a few bass on live bunker near the Inlet.

Kim at **L & M Marine** spoke of some good fluke action to the south of Seatuck Cove on Sunday. The private boat Cousins II checked in a catch of 34 fluke made there. Flounder dominated in the buoy 39 area where they are being taken on worms and clams. Also a good showing of porgies at buoy 44. A good run of blueclaw crabs now established inside Seatuck Cove.

The open boat **Capt. Leo D** will begin sailing from **Shoreline Marina** in **East Moriches** on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Capt. Chip Contegni will be running the vessel, to our knowledge the only open boat sailing from this area. The addition of the Capt. Leo D to the Moriches scene is a big step towards building the Moriches area in to a major sportfishing port.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** had a freshwater catch to pass on. Glenn Miller stopped by the shop over the weekend to tell of 4 largemouths up to 4 pounds taken in an east end pond on spinnerbaits. On the local scene, Paul knew of lots of 1-2 pound weaks being taken off of Patchogue on worms and squid strips. Small bay blues are mixed with the weaks. Snappers and crabs are both in good supply from local piers and docks where an occasional fluke or small bluefish is being picked up as well. Paul also relayed the results of the Patchogue Fishing Club's annual Fluke Derby held at Moriches this weekend. Greg Maynard took top honors with a 4.10 pound flattie. He was followed by Andy Polcha with a 2.9 pounder and Bill Rockwell with a 2½ pound fluke.

A good run of 1-2 pound weaks behind the clam dredges and along the east line opposite Bayport has been the highlight of the fishing for boats leaving from **South Bay Fishing Station** in **West Sayville**. These fish are being taken on squid strips. Fluke has been fair on the Ocean Beach grounds with spearing accounting for

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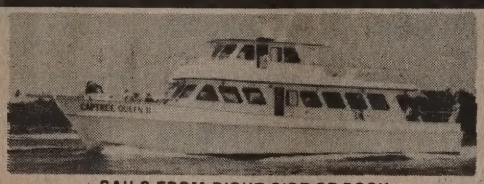

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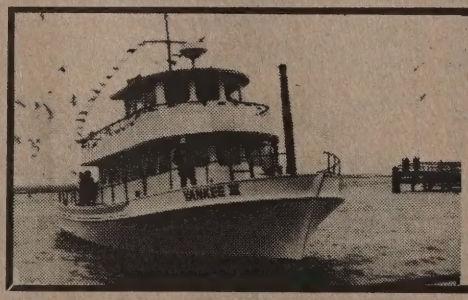

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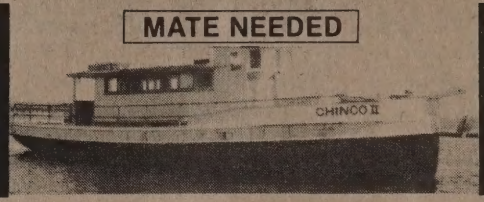

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Dave Canale of **J & R Sport Center** in **Oakdale** also told of a good run of small weaks in the West Sayville area on squid strips or sand worms. Bigger weaks up to 7-8 pounds being taken on live snappers near the lighthouse and at the Inlet. Lots of small blues continue to fill the boxes of boatmen using 007 jig and tube combos at the inlet. Of the fluking, Dave described it as fair-not especially good-but nice size fish.

Irene Cioffi of **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip** looked over a catch of 34 weaks from 4-7 pounds taken on live snappers on Sunday. These fish were taken somewhere between the Lighthouse and the Inlet. Small blues remain thick at the latter location where they are being trolled on thin tube umbrella rigs or jigged on Ava 007's. Fluking from West Island to the Inlet has been fair but steady.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** in **Bay Shore** labelled the fluking in the area as decent but nothing great although nice size fish dominate most catches. Weakfish, mostly 5-6 pounders on live snappers in the Oak Beach Cove and at the WR buoy. Some big blues up to 15 pounds taken on bait this week inside the bay between the Lighthouse and the C.G. Station. Small 1-2 pound blues continue to clog the mouth of F.I. Inlet where they are being taken on jigs and umbrella rigs. For sinker bouncers a mixed bag of porgies, sea bass and blowfish at buoy 13, Ocean Beach and buoy 4, West Channel. Use squid strips and/or worms and don't forget your chum pot. Outside the Inlet some 8-12 pound blues trolled on umbrella rigs in 65' of water SE of the Inlet. Also some bluefish action in 90' of water to the east of Cherry Grove for diamond jiggers. Good action here on Friday despite rough seas. Rough seas hindered the efforts of offshore anglers in recent days but nonetheless there was some good action with White marlin and yellowfin tuna SE of the inlet in 150-160' of water.

Pretty good fluke action all week long with it peaking on Sunday according to Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Casey Lee**. The skipper has been working the drains around East, West and Sexton Islands. Lots of 2-3 pound fish showing up in catches this week with the hi-hook each day taking between 10 and 15 flatties. Biggest fluke of the week was Jim Calascione's pool winner of 6½ pounds taken on Tuesday. Spearing has been outdoing other baits and best tide has been the last of in and the first of outgoing which prompted the skipper to remind readers that tides for the afternoon trip on Wednesday-Sunday should be ideal.

Jim Spillane and Stephen Lendino with blackfish to 9 lbs. taken near Kismet. Photo courtesy of Sea Gull Marina in Babylon.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Joseph Fleet** which includes both the **Capt. Joseph** and the **Capt. Joseph II** labelled the fluking as pretty good at the Inlet during the week as well as near West Island and Sexton Island. Sunday's fishing was hot while Saturday's strong NW winds hindered the fluking. Sunday's hi-hook was Ben Noah of Deer Park with 17 keepers. 80-90% of the fish being taken are keepers. Of the bluefishing Charlie described it as noticeably improved with both Friday and Saturday night's trips to the Three Sisters area producing good action with 3-8 pound choppers. The skipper reminded that the port is planning an upcoming fluke derby for September and that association members are in the process of working out final details. Stay tuned for more on this event.

Capt. Ben Litwin of the open boat of the same name said that fluke fishing in general has been fair in the vicinity of the Inlet. Catches most days range anywhere from 2-10 fish per man. Largest fish of the week was Sunday's pool winner which was estimated at between 6 and 7 pounds.

Steady night action with blues late in the week was the word from Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree** open boat **Captree Queen**. Fishing around the Three Sisters wreck produced catches averaging 300-400 blues per night averaging 3-5 pounds. Fluking was fair most of the week but was somewhat hindered by strong winds towards the weekend. Those fish that

Len Cavaluzzi with a pair of white marlin caught S.E. of Fire Island Inlet on rigged eels aboard the Time And A Half. Photo courtesy of Peppy's Bait & Tackle in East Islip.

are being taken are nice sized with numerous fish in the 2 pound class in evidence. Best fluking has been at the Inlet around the change of tide and between West Island and the Lighthouse on incoming water.

Fred Austin of **Augies Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon** passed along the results of the Babylon and Freeport Tuna Club's Interclub Tuna Contest held this past weekend. Fred spoke of good action with yellowfin tuna 130 degrees, 150' of water out of F.I. Inlet. Some boats had 5 or 6 of the yellowfins. The Weasel skippered by Bob Antolini put away 7 of the fish. The Babylon Club came out on top in this year's affair. Fred knew of nice size fluke being taken at the inlet on spearing and sand eels and said that boatmen continue to murder the small blues in the inlet on 007 jigs. Fred had a wall of the jigs cleaned out by eager customers this past week. Fred could speak first hand of action with 5-7 pound blues in 70' of water to the East of F.I. Inlet. He was there on Thursday and put away his share of the choppers.

Nick Gerardi and family fished aboard the **B.C.A.** charter boat **Luci II** on Wednesday anchoring up at buoy 8 at West Channel produced a mixed bag of 150 blowfish porgies and sea bass on squid and clam bait. Catches topped off by a 5 pound fluke. On Sunday, The Association's open boat **Pooka V** fished members of the Jericho Fire Dept. who got in a good inning with the fluke on the last of the incoming tide at the Inlet. The charter rounded out the day with a mixed bag at buoy 8.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike reported decent fluking but the largest fish reported during the week being a 4½ pounder. Live snappers

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accounting for 5-7 pound weakfish along South Beach and at the Inlet. Porgies, sea bass and blowfish at the Lighthouse and in West Channel while crabs and snappers continue to please young and old alike at the Town Dock. Dennis Greico won this week's segment of the month long snapper contest being sponsored by Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle.

Aboard the charter boat **Fishfinder**, Capt. Lenny fished a party of 4 on Saturday including Paul Rosa, Tom Welch, Dan O'Connell and Richie Miskovsky. The group used umbrella rigs to take 20 blues from 5-10 pounds 8 miles SW of the Inlet. On Sunday Roy Martorna and Lou Bernardo took advantage of improved conditions to put away 3 dozen mostly large blues in the 5-12 pound range. These fish were also trolled on umbrella rigs.

Bob Rose of **Capt. Jack's West** in **Amity Harbor** spoke of pretty good fluke action between the Lighthouse and the R.M. Bridge with spearing and sand eels working best on the fish. A few small flounder showing in the deeper holes and a mixed bag of blowfish, sea bass and porgies in West Channel for sinker bouncers. Shark fishing slow this week although there was some action reported in 110-120' of water out of F.I. Inlet. Yellowfin tuna and a few big eyes were taken at the Canyon while at the Tower there was action with both yellowfins and true albacore. Plenty of snappers and crabs taken this week at Tanner Park.

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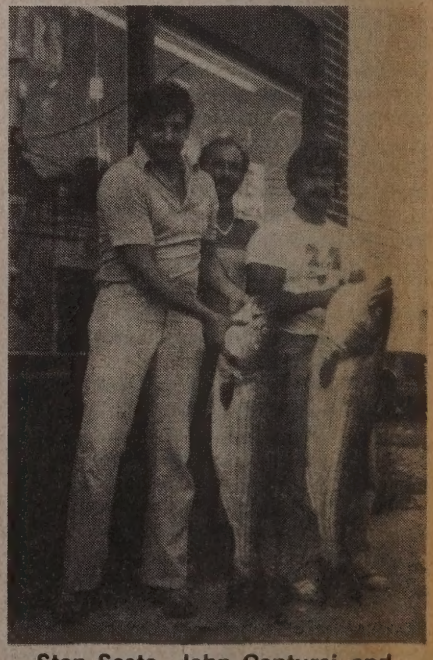
Fluke continue to lead the show in this area but a mixed bag of porgies,



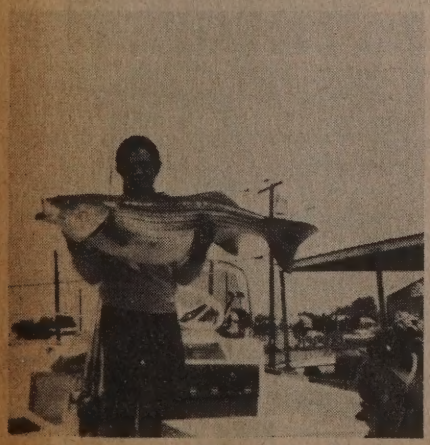
Stan Sesta, John Contursi and Conrad Guttenberger with bass of 35½ and 46½ lbs. taken in Fire Island Inlet on live bait. Fish were weighed at Lindenhurst Bait & Tackle.

blackfish, sea bass, flounder, snappers and crabs combine to give the fluke some stiff competition according to John Dombrowski at **Pop's Fishing Station** in **Seaford**. Best shot at fluke is to use killies and squid on incoming water between the third bridge and the second bridge. Massapequa Cove and the Amity Cut have been providing the best mixed bag catches according to John. The Cove was also responsible for a 45 crab catch made on Sunday by the McGovern party.

Lon Wanser of **Wanser's Tackle Shop** in **Seaford** described the fluking as fair and reported the best action this week at the Inlet and in the vicinity of the 2nd bridge. Massapequa Cove has porgies, sea bass, blackfish, snappers, flounder and crabs while weakfish are being taken at the Meadowbrook and Third bridges on live snappers and sand worms at the start of outgoing water. Small blues up to 3 pounds are thick at the inlet with the best action for them in the early morning on trolled umbrella rigs or drifting with 007 jigs. Flounder still around which should come as a surprise to no one, as they have been available throughout the summer. Both the 3rd Bridge and Short Beach continue to produce the flatties. Snappers now in solid in the area.

Over at **Merrick Tackle** in **Bellmore**, Scott was enthused about the flounder action currently underway at the bridges on red dye clams. Fluking was described as not real good but a fair pick can still be had by those putting in the time. Try the inlet and between the second and third bridges with spearing or sandeels. Lots of snapper's now in the area and crabbing continues to improve.

One thing that can be said of fishing is that it is never without its surprises. Debra Nevins discovered this along with her husband Michael on a trip aboard their family boat last week in Jones Inlet. After taking a mess of flounder west of the J.B. piers on red dye clams the couple found themselves short on bait. Debra improvised with a slice of Boar's



L.I.F. subscriber Bob Ferris displays the 45 lb. striper he took on a live bunker near Jones Beach. Subscriber photo.

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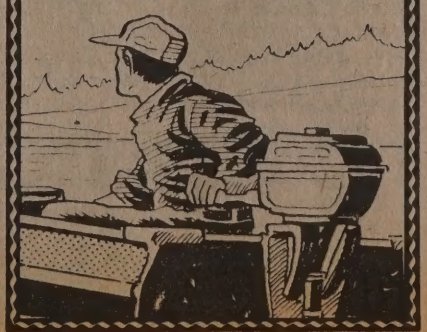

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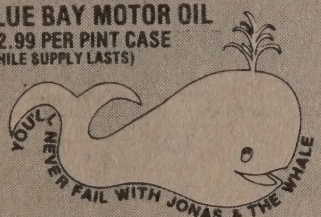

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From **Nick's Marina** in **Merrick**, Jimmy Boulukos told of some good action with fluke at Carmen's Cut and Nicks Point. Charle and John Ruland kept 13 out of 30 fluke they took after rowwing to the nearby flatfish grounds. Other boats returned with catches of 15 and 17 keepers. Killies lead the way in the bait department. Ray Stelz had two of the better fish taken during the week. Nick's Point produced a pair of five pound fluke for the Baldwin angler. Flounder continue in good supply in the vicinity of the M.B. Bridge. Muriel and Don Baglibi and Ray Kiser discovered this Sunday when they used worms to take 67 of the flatties. Yellowfin tuna provided the action on Thursday's trip for George Santry's Sold on Sea on Thursday. Fishing between the Texas Tower and the Canyon crew members Steve Boulukos along with his dad Jim and Ralph Datri put away 5 tuna between 30 and 99 pounds. All the fish were taken on Green Machines and Green Jet Lures and a number of fish were broken off during the course of the day.

Western South Shore Report

by Stu Miller

WEST END BAYS & INLETS

Starting with the **Freeport Boats** we learn from Capt. Dan of the charter boa **Nan Sea** that Sunday' trip for John Mosier of Oceanside had 8 longfin tuna from 30-40 lbs. on orange Kona heads and green machines. Dan says the fish are feeding on squid. Action was at the Texas Tower.

Excellent bluefishing all week locally was the word from the **Bluefin Fleet** . The 2 boats fished Cholera, 3 Sisters and points west, both day and night for blues for fish up to 12 lbs. Largest blue of the week, the 12 lber. was caught by Bill Remien, Bronx (Manufacturers Hanover). High hook of the week was 15 blues for Bklyn. angler George Knipfing. The day fish are being caught on Ava jigs, with and without tails. Night fish are chummed and baited. Flounder and some inshore wrecks were hit for seabass, porgies and blacks for one group that found the ocean too fierce for buefishing on the weekend.

StarStream II reports excellent bluefishing all week from Three Sisters/The Sluice which is on the far side of the mud Hole for fish 4-12 lbs. On Sunday fish were caught late in the afternoon. On Saturday Joe Martin Jr. of Ossining had 17 blues while Sam Sunshine, Bklyn. popped 16 good blues into his sack. There were other catches even higher. Some night trips have been good also.

Captain Mike Miller of the charter boat **Apus** advised that the canyon is still very good with fish coming closer everyday. Big eye tuna are at the Texas Tower and bluefin tuna at the NOAA. One of the charters had a 72" marlin this week on Jetheads. The marlin are in close as Mike had 1 this week that hit just 10 miles off the beach. They're following the warmer water. Sharking has been okay for browns and tigers. The Arundel was fished Sunday and the Noah produced bigger fish the same day. Lots of white shark around. Inshore blues are a very good item along with green bonito around Cholera. There are Spanish mackerel mixed in.

Capt. Gary Smith of the charter boat **Roseann** informs us that Sunday's trip for Al Li and party had 30 blues to 6 lbs. taken on bait and chum at Three Sisters. Monday's trip for Baldwin Harbor Boatyard saw Marie Martin bag a 160 lb. mako and Marge Blush, a 42 lb. mako.

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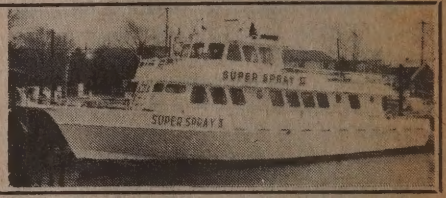

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Aboard Capt. Pat's **Lady J III** Monday's trip for NCPD saw a slow pick of blues running to east. Tuesday's trip for Freeports Twin Oaks day camp had a slow pick of fluke locally. Wednesday's trip for Baking Industry Executive club enjoyed good bluefishing to the SW on jigs. Thurday, the Woodbury Branch of Xerox fished blues at the 3Sisters and did well on diamond jigs. Friday for the Bob King group Cambria Hghts. jigs were employed to bang away at bluefish SW of Jones. Saturday's blues were excellent at SW for Bob Meehan and gruop of Wantagh, fish to 10 lbs. Sunday's fluke for Bob Marrara, Franklin Sq. and party had a fair catch of these big flatfish to 6½ lbs. in the inlet area.

Bluefishing aboard the **Capt. Al** was tough Monday and Tuesday due to conditions with a few weaks and small blues. The rest of the week saw good solid catches of blues South of Cholera. Friday saw 6-7 lb. average blues up to 11 lbs. with catches of 33, 35, etc. not uncommon. Saturday was pretty much a repeat. Sunday fish were jigged from the Highlands to Long Branch with things really bustin loose in the afternoon with breaktaking white water catche with catches of 18-20 fish a man the rule. Fares had 4 good days this week said the skipper. Friday and Sat. nights the boat fished Cholera, Angler banks and 3 Sisters and 300 fish a night for the boat was no problem. Thursday night, roughly 500 blues were landed there were also some bonito taken each day. Aboard the **Capt. Lou III and IV**, fluking was "so-so" a little off this week due to tidal conditions. Pools ran in the 5-6 lb. range everyday and the skipper says the fluke should be moving out from the back creeks any day and

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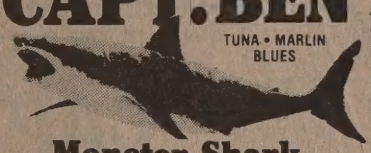
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schooling up in the deepr water inside and at the inlet. Peggy Flattery, E. Meadow had a 5 lb. fluke Sunday. The boats will be staying with fluke at least through the end of Aug. Capt. Mike Gross who is sailing the 4:30 PM flounder trips has been doing fairly well even with the tidal conditions. Friday afternoon's tri had Dave Dryer of New Hyde Park with 32 good flounder up to 2¼ lbs. Bob Mathus Jr and Sr had 48 flatties between them. Flounder should be back to normal this week. Please be advised that all tickets are sold for the afternoon founder trip Sat. and Sun, Aug. 28 and 29.

On the charter boat **Capt. Gary** Thursday night's bluefish trip for Ray Juliano and group of Belmont Racetrack had very good bluefishng at Cholera on bait and chum. Fish were in the 4 lb. class wiht an 8 lber. taking the pool for Frank Jesse. Saturday's fluke trip for Ars edition Farmingdale saw Conrad Luethy high hook with 11 fluke and Jack Gabel taking the pool with a 4½ lber. Sunday was a bluefish trip for Nick Dorugo and pals from upstate. A slow pick was had but a few fluke at the end of the day saved it.

Lou's Fishing Station at the ft. of **Woodcleft Canal** told of a 50 lb. white marlin, the first ever for Geo. Roth of Massapequa on El Cyd. George also made a 150 lb. yellow fin tuna. On the gaff were Joe Lackner, East Meadow. They also had 17 other long fin albacore between the Tower and the Canyon. On the boat Jo-Lyn, Ed Schroder bagged a 600 lb. blue marlin. The angler was Leigh Schroeder. She also had a 150 lb. mako and 7 big eye tuna. A white marlin was released and 8 additonal longfin albacore went into the box. A 402 lb. tiger shark was taken by Bayside angler Sam Wild on his boat Wild Bunch, a 25' outboard.

Capt. Tony of the **Miss Freeport II** called via the marine operator to tell of his very productive night bluefishing trips just 1 hr. from the dock, with fish going 4-8 lb. and some 15 lbers. mixed in. On Thurs. Joe and Nick Ferrante had 58 blues. Friday night's trip saw Ed Scheuplein with 12 fish to 15 lbs. Fluking was good during the week but slowed over the weekend.

According to Bob at the **Freeport Boatmens Association** the boats that fluked from the Assocation found fishing picky but they still caught and those sizes and quantity was down, quality was right up there. Pools ran to 6 lbs. on ocean fish. The boats bluefishing are loading up at Three Sisters throuh south of Cholera on jigs and bait. **Super Spray II** has been loading up on blues on its night blue trips with people bagging up. On its 2 daily fluke trips the boat has been fishing Jones Inlet and off the beaches just west of the inlet. Long fin albacore, blue fin and big eye tunas are there for ths offshore boats. Plenty of bonito mixed in with the blues.

Jack at **Arthur St. Fishing Station** told us he saw boats returning to his dock with nice flounder catches taken from various spots around the bay. Worms are the hook bait, needless to say and chumming is an important factor. Blue claw crabs are okay, but nothing spectacular yet. Weakfish have been spotty but some are still being landed at the Meadowbrook bridge on bait fished on the bottom in the mornings. Blues have been a little spotty inshore but still very worthwhile while some small sea bass and porgies are being picked in Reynolds Channel.

Down in **Pt. Lookout** we learned from Capt. Ronnie Murray of the **Miss Point Lookout** that fluke were slower this week than last week but that the last run of fluke should start by this weekend again and catches should be on an upswing. The boat's night bluefishing trips have been from good to all out slaughter fishing at the Sisters area and to the west for mixed fish 3-14 lbs. Wednesday night was super as was Sunday on bait and chum. Andy Neilsen who is on vacation fished 6 straight days and took the pool 4 out of those 6 days for fluke. Best fluking was just west of the inlet along the beach.

Scotty's Fishing Station advises buoys 16-19 have held the best fluke catches of the week being taken on

killy and squid for his rental skiffs. These fish are just keepers, just over 14''. The biggest fish brought in for the week was a 6 lber. Live sand worms, small snappers and bunker are accounting for some weaks up to 12 lbs. being taken in the area of the M Bridge from 5-7AM fished on the bottom. Blues are scattered offshore and there have been a lot of cocktail blues in the Jones inlet area. Good flounder catches being made around the top of the tide in Reynolds Channel, west of the bridge thru Long Beach.

The **Capt. Bill** reports fluking was fair at the start of the week but slowed towards the end and on the weekend. Big fluke of the week hit 6½ lbs. on the scale. The Friday and Saturday night bluefish trips had very good results with fish being chummed and baited Friday night and jigged Saturday night.

Out to Hudson Canyon on Monday ran the charter boat **Marie III** and between the Texas Tower and the Canyon trolled plastic and fresh mullet caught 9 long fin albacore to 60 lbs. with 6 other LFAs being broken off. They also dropped a 6' white marlin. Thursday's charter slaughtered 3-6 lb. blues at the 3 Sisters area on jigs. High hook was 33 fish; low hook 12. Saturday's trip had slow fluking in the morning, so they went out to a coupe of local inshore wrecks in the PM for a mixed bag of ling, blacks, sea bass and porgies. Pool winner was Trevor Goffin, age 7 with a 4 lb. ling. This was followed up by Chris Degroat, age 9 wiht a 3 lb. black. Saturday night saw slow picking on blues fom 3-6 lbs. The boat has a few available weekend trips for October.

Ed's Fishing Station told of a slower fluke week due to new moon tides. Even so fair catches of fluke were made in the channel and on the flats. Flounder catches were very good in Swift Creek and the Short Beach area between the bridge and the CG station on worms. Good blackfishing on fiddlers or clam at all the local bridges. Snappers fair in the day.

Christopher and Leo Begnache, 8 and 10 yrs. old respectively, with 3 fluke to 5 lbs. caught in Reynold's Channel. The youngsters fished out of Ed's Fishing Station in Point Lookout.

Over in **Island Park**, Capt. Clem of the **Commodore** says the week's best fluking has been at the Tin Can, Romer Shoals and Warrior buoy. Catches were fair Saturday and Sunday and also on the weekday trips. Clem feels the channels should produce well by this weekend. Pool fish have been in the 6-7 lb. class with a lot of 3-4 lb. fish taken. The fluke should begin schooling up in the deeper water in the bay very shortly says the skipper. It's been a good year for fluke but ''screwy.''

Beckman's Tackle in **Lynbrook** also received good reports from the warrioer buoy area, large fish. Rich tells of a 14 lb. weak that he weighed in for Wally Wolk of Baldwin caught at sunset at buoy 3 in Reynolds on a live bunker. Plenty of flounder in the Short Beach area and the pier area. Chumming very important. Lots of blues in 30' of water west of the inlet. Schoolie bass for chummers at the Meadowbrook bridge. Snapper action very good and blue claw crabs just fair in Bay Park. Weaks in the early morning and evening at the Tin Can grounds, fish 7-10 lbs. on Nordic Eels.

Captain Ronnie Lepper of the guide boat **Kim** has been taking his fares int the N.Y.Bight enjoying good weakfishing on both day and night trips utilizing red Nordic eels. Loads of blues from 3/4 to 10 lbs., depending which school you stumble onto on jigs or umbrellas. Ron still has a couple of open fall dates available if you are interested.

From Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** we learn that fluking in Reynolds Channel has been best at the hole off the CG station, warrioer buoy and the can. Live killies have been working best, followed by the other usual fluke baits. Weaks being caught at Ambrose channel on tiger tails and Nordic eels in red, white and yellow persuasions. Big blues at Cholera and Shrewsbury rocks on chum and bait while small blues are being umbrellaed in 30' of water outside of Debs Inlet. Mixed size stripers off Silver Pt. jetty on white bucktails and Stan Gibbs poppers. Soft calico crabs are also working for surf casters. Blacks from 1-1½ lbs. at the Atlantic Beach bridge, both sides on fiddlers and clam.

Over in **Long Beach** we find that Mike Nichols collared a 32 and 29 lb. bass on live bunker at the Atlantic beach bridge at midday, Thursday. Fluking has been picky but some fish are nonetheless being boated in Reynolds. Weaks still being caught the Tin can on large tiger tails from dusk thru dawn. Snappers and bcc's are available though not super abundant. Small weaks and blues are still to be had on bunker swimming under the bunker schools at Reynolds particularly at buoys 1 and 2.

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Pretty Lydia Rojas of Glen Cove shows a pair of blues she caught on a Glen Cove beach recently. Subscriber photo.

NEW YORK BIGHT

To the west in **Jamaica Bay** Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** advises porgies are still a good item on both tides off both bridges with sand worms working best. These are sand porgies with some up to 3/4 lbs. Snappers are better now on spearing. Small blues during the day and larger ones charging through at night on both bridges on cut bunker fished on the bottom. Some weaks and bass at Breezy Point at night and in the AM on bunker and on plugs. Fluking good at Ruffel Bar in the 2-3 lb. range on live killies. Fluke also being caught in Mill Basin on spearing.

J-Bay Boat Rentals tells of 2-3 lb. weaks being caught from buoys 25-27 on bloods on porgy rigs. Some small sea bass at Silver Hole on the same porgy rigs. Porgies are terrific all over the bay with a few humpbacks thrown in. Blue claws have been on the slow side while blues have been scattered. Snappers increasing in size. Fluking has been passable at Silver Hole on killie-squid combos. Mixed size stripers still being trolled along the grassy shores at JFK.

To the west in **Sheepshead Bay** Jimmy at **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** told us about excellent night weak-fishing on white Nordic eels with fish going 8-10 lbs. The red Nordic eels are murder in the daytime. Plenty of big blues at Nortons Pt. fished with cut bait on the bottom, fish 10-15 lbs. Blues from 3-5 lbs. abundant at the Tin Can. Sea bass being caught at 17 fathoms. Lots of fluke at the Coney Island flats, Seagirt and off Riis Park. Lots of snappers in the bay along with sand porgies and bcc's. Some mixed stripers off the jetty at night on plugs and cut bait.

Capt. Butch of The **Zephyr** feels fluke are moving out of the bays now. He's been fishing the Jersey shore, Gedney channel and Ambrose with good results this week. A 6 lber. was brought on on Tuesday by Bklyn Angler John Voloshin. A 7 lber. took the pool Wed. for Emery Reberson, Queens. Thursday's pool fish was 7½ lbs. for John Corallo of Clifside Park, NJ. Fish are virtually all keeper size now.

The **Flamingo III** told of a very good week on blues and weaks with catches of at least 50-60 weaks a day with loads of cocktail blues all on diamond jigs. Friday and Sat. night's trips were excellent with fish going 4-15 lbs. on bait and chum. Local areas and the Jersey shore line being worked days and 17 fathoms has been a good producer at night. Very effective on the weaks has been the red Nordic eels daytime and the white at night.

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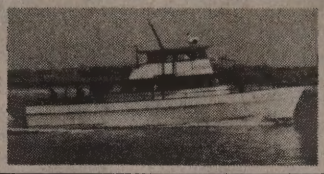

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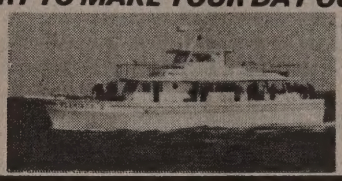

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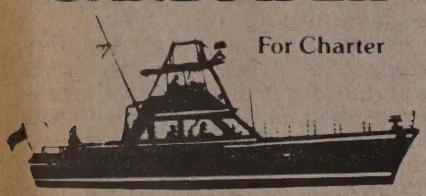

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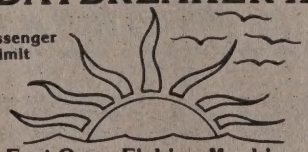

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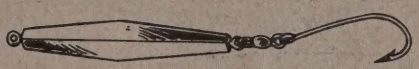

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Over on **Staten Island, Santo's Sport Shop** says the snapper blues are all over the place, hitting any small artificials or bait. Plenty of weakfish in the early morning hours at Stapleton Piers on anything yellow such as Gibbs Darters, Danny swimmers or bucktails. Bluefish being taken here during the day here also on baitfish and artificials. Fluking remains steady at the beaches but they will be moving soon. Porgies are still building at Great Kills, South Beach and Oakwood.

North Shore Report

by Marty Garrell

WESTERN SOUND

Strong winds on Saturday moved numbers of large blues into the area for the first time this season. Look for a good week on slammers. Snappers abound, but porgies are a possibility for those who travel with open boats.

John's Gun & Tackle in New Rochelle described the action on big blues off Portchester for those who fished live bunker. Some of the giant blues were in the 16 lb. class. Bass are few and there are no local porgies. Fluke fishermen in the area are advised to travel across to Bayville. The **Klondike** is working on blues to the east.

"Tons of blues" were in the Bay Sunday in back of **Jack's Bait & Tackle** on City Island. Chris Engel livelined a 16 lb. slammer in broad daylight, and Jack Rumpf also weighed a couple of 18's. Either bunker or mackerel will work, and trolling is also a possibility. Fine flounder action is still the norm around Harts Island on worms. Flatties run 1¼ lbs. in some catches. The **North Star** had a good Saturday on porgies, but Pete Anderson is not fishing locally. The **Ebb Tide** is still working on bluefish with action on larger fish on Saturday night.

Dom Cerbone had a few details on the big porgies that he's been chasing off Eatons and Stony Brook with the **Apache.** Catches run 6 to 10 per fare, but these fish are extremely large, in the 1½ to 3 lb. range. Depths to 50' and strong tides make 6 and 8 oz. sinkers the norm. An occasional weakfish brightens up the day as well.

There are plenty of snappers everywhere in the Glen Cove area, reports Dave Watt at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop.** Fish run anywhere from 6" to 1½ lbs. Blues are available in all rips and off all points, with some fish to 8 lbs. close to the beach. An occasional bass has been reported on poppers from local beaches, with one linesider rumored to be 20 lbs. Big flounder are also worth trying right now.

Frank Ackley said that the **Tarpon** from Glen Cove found plenty of 5 and 6 lb. blues for Alan Sheps and a party of three on Sunday in 40-50' of

Tom Otranto with fluke of 11 and 11¾ lbs. taken on live snappers at Eaton's Neck. Both doormats were weighed at Ronnie's Tackle Shop in Huntington.

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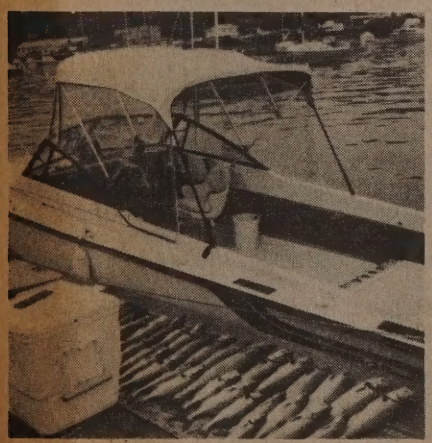
water off Eatons. Ava 27s were the hot number. Joe Fink had a school of fish in the high teens that morning on the **Lady Lil.**

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Saturday's winds made for sloppy fishing and some sick boaters, but a change in the fall fishing picture appears to be in the making. Bluefish are still the principal attraction with larger fish reported. Porgy fishing is a good bet and fluke are widespread around the eastern sector.

Marshall Fields had scattered schools of blues but porgy action there was excellent before the blow according to **Huntington Prop.** The zone between the Obstruction Buoy and 11B had a flurry of big blues on Saturday night, said George Valentine at **4 Winds** in Huntington Station. By Sunday morning, blues of 8-13 lbs. were all over the surface. Fish were being jigged and taken on mackerel chunks. Crab Meadow afforded only a very slow pick of weakfish on umbrellas. Those who worked the Eatons Rip could find bass in the teens on bucktails, and there were small blues off Makamha, according to Ronnie Ferraro at **Ronnie's.**

Packy Collins of the Ever Ready said that the blues in the Huntington area are 4-8 lbs. with an occasional 10-14 lb. slammer. Tri-Fin jigs in 2 and 3 oz. sizes are still the big producers, and a direct tie to these jigs works just fine, but the lines should be checked frequently for nicks from torrid action. The blues are on the bottom slopes, feeding on ahcnovies and butterfish, and 20-30 fish for a high hook is not impossible. Small boater interference makes weekends tough, with many umbrella trollers putting surfacing schools down. Still, Billy Collins ran away from the fleet on Sunday with



Martha and Mark Derish enjoyed a super morning on Long Island Sound with Capt. Packy Collins aboard the Huntington charter boat, "Packy IV." The NYC couple tallied 40 blues and an 11 lb. weak on diamond jigs.

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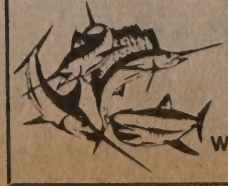

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Jean Griffin's half-day charter and produced 38 big blues for a party of four on the **Packy IV.** The blues were spread over a full acre.

Some of the big porgies out in the Sound off Northport weigh 2½ lbs., according to scales at **Bowman's.** A chum pot is a must in 45-50' depths where 5 and 6 oz. sinkers are the rule. A few anglers with patience are pulling 2 or 3 fluke a day off Eatons with one genuine 5½ lb. doormat tipping the scales as well.

Most weekend anglers in Port Jefferson were confined to the harbor, according to Candy Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station.** Even in the harbor there were fluke. Porgies were the usual catch, although the fish were smaller than those around Oldfield. Buoy II is still hot for small blues under 3 lbs. and plenty of snappers can be found in shore areas.

The **Aqua Gem** called the bluefishing "good to excellent" with some 8 lb. fish available. AVA 27s and 47s were the Fishers' choice on shallow shoals.

The **Captain Hank** was beginning each day with the small blues and occasional weakfish, then switching to fluke near the Mount Sinai Harbor entrance. Henry Olsen's best fluke last week was 4 lbs., and 6 fish per rod was about average on squid and spearing combinations. Sinkers of 3 oz. work well in 18-20' water.

Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's** in Mount Sinai liked the fluking off the Pink House as well as Buoy 9. Summer flatfish can be found on all tides. Dick Brown at **Dick's** said that a couple of sharpies showed catches of 4 and 5 lb. fluke taken on large spearing. Porgies were everywhere with some private boats pulling 1-2 lb. scup. Tailor blues less than 3 lbs. are also ubiquitous.

NORTH FORK

Windy weather cut most small boat angling over the weekend on the Sound, but enough action continued on the Bay to make for good reports.

The Lorias at **Captain Marty's** looked at lots of small porgies to 1 lb. from the South and North Race. Catches of 4 to 10 kingfish per boat were not unusual at Rose's Grove and many boats had a weakfish or two from 1½ to 3½ lbs. Off the Robin's Dock, a catch of 20 blowfish was reported.

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** saw a huge catch of blowfish in the areas around Buoys 12, 14 and 15 on Noyac Bay/Southold Bay plus a catch of several hundred porgies to 2 lbs. taken by drifting in the deep water off South Ferry on Saturday. Porgies and flounder are available at Petty's Bight but fluke are becoming picky.

Having seen a pair of huge bass from the Sluiceway, Art White at the

GREENPORT

Russell Berman, left, and John Davis teamed up to take this 30 lb. striper at Barkers Pt. in Long Island Sound. The two young anglers were fishing out of their 17' Mako, Mona 3 when the big bass gobbled a bunker chunk.

A.P. White Bait Shop in Greenport knows that they're around. White says that some of the biggest porgies as well as a mix of flounder can be found in the New London area. Blues from 4 to 12 lbs. were reported at Pigeon Rip and the Fishers Island Race, but the best action was early in the week, according to Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann.** Lately, Jensen has been bucktailing with 16 oz. sinkers. A hard run of tides made the angling for big blues poor on Sunday.

Saturday's porgy action in the Gardiner's-Plum-Gull Island area was pretty good, despite the winds. Both Jensen and Dave Brennan with the **Peconic Star** found porgies to 2 lbs. or better. Dave Brennan sent Virginius Bragg down to **Warren's** in Aquebogue to weigh a giant porgy that was part of a double-header. Brennan guessed the scup would go around 4 lbs. Brennan feels that porgies are getting trickier, with lighter gear now the rule for successful porgy fishermen, and a defter, slower technique called for in pulling the lightly hooked fish off the bottom. The first drifts in any area can be torrid, but the fishing afterwards becomes a pick. "There are mo e fish there than are meeting the hooks," says Brennan.

John Rainis told us about spotty fluke fishing on the **Blue Albatross** last week, with the best fish running 7½ lbs. When bluefishing dropped off in the Race, Rainis topped the catch with blackfish. Sunday's crowd had poor fishing for the Race blues after the top of the flood.

Blues from 1 to 5 lbs. were reported to be off Buoy 5 on the Sound, according to **Warren's,** and some blues can be taken now on butterfish and squid off the beaches.

The **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** said that fluking had tapered off around the Inlet, but porgy action by the Motel and off Coopers was still good anytime. Some of the scup were now running 2 lbs.

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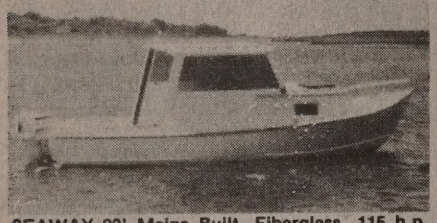

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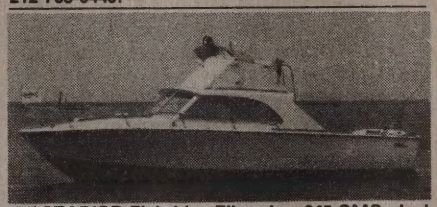

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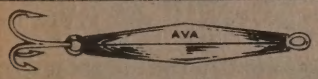

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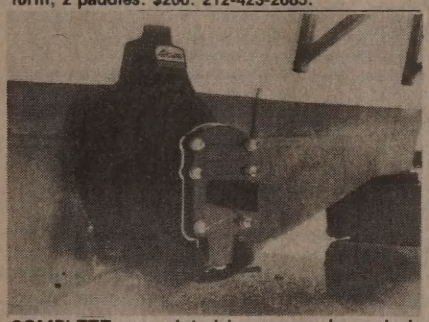

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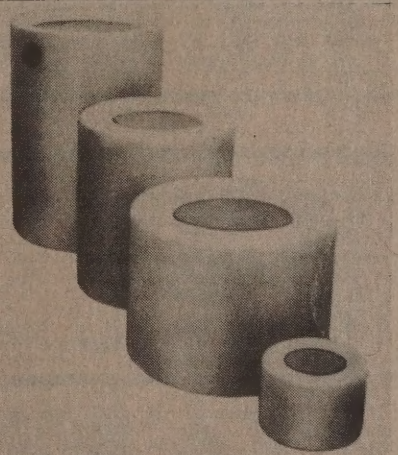

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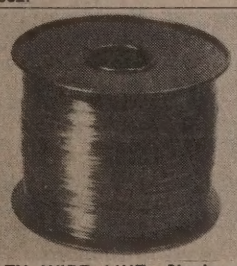

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Surf Report

by Fred Golofaro

While the recent taste of cool air and northerly breezes made surfmen's mouths water, it was all too brief and too early in the season to have had any real impact on the surf scene although it did put some decent size blues within reach of certain north shore beaches. It also served as a reminder that September and October are just around the corner.

Little change in the local surf picture according to Kevin Koncelik of **Santo's Sport Shop** in **Staten Island**. Small blues still abound around the Island with tins producing the 1-the 1-2 pound choppers at Great Kills and South Beach in particular from sunrise to sunset. Big blues being taken on bait during the day at Stapleton Piers 8, 12 and 17. Bunker chunks being used primarily by casters here. The same piers producing good numbers of 8-12 pound weakfish for an hour or two after dawn on any yellow swimming plug.

Bunker chunks accounting for a few teen bass from the Rockaway jetties according to Bernie Haag of **Long Beach Sports Marina**. Bernie also told of seeing some school bass taken by a caster at the Silver Point Jetty.

Small bluefish continue to dominate the scene between Jones Inlet and Fire Island Inlet. Small blues have been in and out at West End in the evenings and early morning hours on tins. At Democrat Point small blues were taken at the jetty and along the Sand Beach on poppers fished in conjunction with a dropper (not only are they small, but they even have the nerve to be fussy). Earlier in the week a few school bass were taken on tins worked slowly along the bottom. The Sore Thumb continues to produce its quota of small blues on Ava 007 jig an tube combos mornings and evenings An occasional small bass is mixed with the blues. No word of any action along Cedar or Gilgo. Boatmen have been doing a number on 5-8 pound weakfish on live snappers in front of the Thumb so it is only a matter of time before casters cash in on this action.

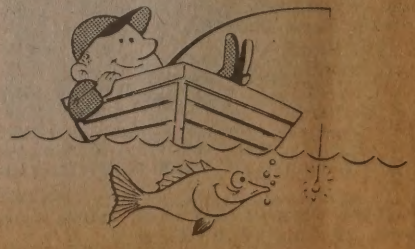
Out east, the only activity reported in the vicinity of Shinnecock Inlet by Thom Speckenbach of **Speck's Bait and Tackle** was with small blues which come and go at the inlet and along nearby beaches to the east and west.

Surf action at Montauk this past week was concentrated on the south side sand beaches between IGA and Hither Hills. It was made up primarily of small bluefish with an occasional weak mixed in. A few small blues also up front and some small bass from Gin Beach to Shagwong. A few are keepers but most are less than 16" according to Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk**.

Up on the North Shore, George Valentine of **Four Winds Tackle Shop** in **Huntington** spoke of small blues at Crab Meadow and Makamah Beaches mornings and evenings on tins. A few bigger blues up to 9 pounds showing up on bait after dark. There had been a flurry of weakfish action with Rebels after dark last week but this died as abruptly as it started.

According to Stan Henchel of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** the local surf came to life during the week with some decent size blues after a long spell of 1 pound runts dominating the scene. Last week's northwest winds created good action with 2-5 pound blues along with an occasional weakfish from local beaches. This action, however, simmered over the weekend. A few blues in the 8-10 pound range taken this past week on bunker chunks from local rock piles. The most notable impact of last week's northerly winds as far as Stan is concerned was the movement of lots of bunker in to the area and along local beaches.

Out in **Aquebogue** on the Island's North Fork, Ed Kopack of **Warren's Tackle Shop** said that both tins and mackerel chunks have been accounting for blues in the 3-5 pound class in the Mattituck area. No word on bass or weaks along these beaches, however.



High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet...–0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK		Breakwater Harbor		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT		NEWPORT		DATE
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
THUR.	1:45	2:20	2:50	3:25	2:35	3:10	3:50	4:20	6:20	6:40	5:35	6:00	1:45	2:25	8/26
FRI.	2:35	3:15	3:50	4:20	3:30	4:00	4:50	5:15	7:20	7:45	6:30	6:55	2:45	3:20	8/27
SAT.	3:35	4:10	4:50	5:20	4:30	4:55	5:50	6:05	8:20	8:40	7:30	7:50	3:45	4:15	8/28
SUN.	4:35	5:10	5:50	6:10	5:30	5:55	6:45	7:00	9:15	9:30	8:25	8:40	4:40	5:05	8/29
MON.	5:40	6:00	6:40	7:00	6:30	6:45	7:35	7:40	10:00	10:15	9:10	9:30	5:30	5:55	8/30
TUE.	6:30	6:45	7:25	7:40	7:15	7:30	8:10	8:25	10:45	10:55	9:55	10:10	6:20	6:40	8/31
WED.	7:15	7:30	8:05	8:20	8:00	8:10	8:50	9:00	11:20	11:25	10:40	10:50	7:05	7:20	9/1
THUR.	7:55	8:10	8:40	9:00	8:40	8:50	9:30	9:35	11:45	11:40	11:15	11:30	7:45	8:05	9/2

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+[illegible]0
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beaver Tail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtuxet	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

8/27	6:20	7:42
8/28	6:21	7:40
8/29	6:22	7:39
8/30	6:23	7:38
8/31	6:24	7:36
9/1	6:25	7:35
9/2	6:26	7:33

Moonrise/Moonset

8/27	3:05PM	12:06AM
8/28	4:00PM	12:45AM
8/29	4:51PM	1:29AM
8/30	5:37PM	2:19AM
8/31	6:18PM	3:13AM
9/1	6:54PM	4:11AM
9/2	7:27PM	5:12AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr	FULL	2nd Qtr.
9/17	9/25	9/3	9/10

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	11:50	5:40	—	6:05
Fri.	12:20	6:25	12:35	6:45
Sat.	12:55	7:05	1:15	7:30
Sun.	1:45	7:55	2:05	8:15
Mon.	2:30	8:40	3:35	9:00
Tues.	3:15	9:25	4:20	9:50
Wed.	4:05	10:10	5:05	10:35
Thurs.	4:50	10:55	5:45	11:15

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